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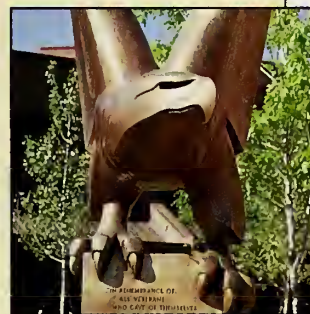
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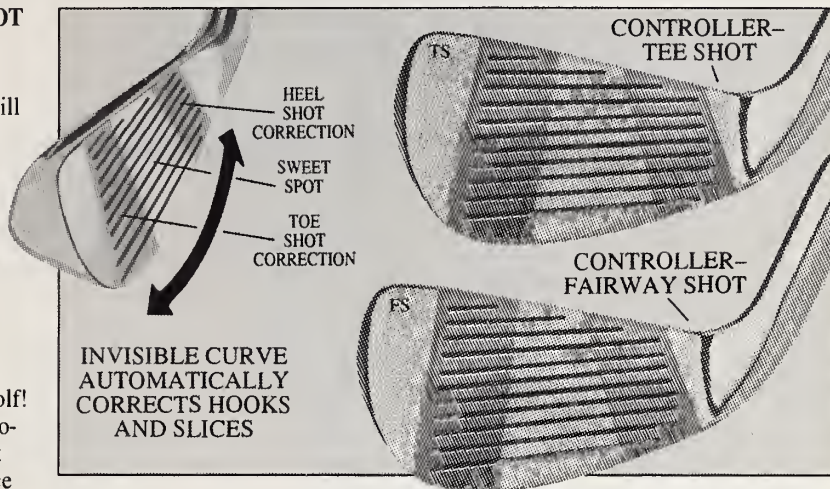
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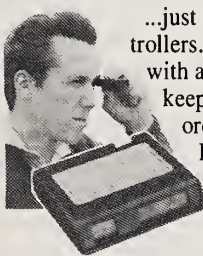
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*Lawrence Pellegrino  
Hamilton, N.J.*

Will we finally get off our butts and realize we are living in a nuclear age? And it is not going away. In fact, it is becoming even more dangerous. As stated in the article, "The American people face unprecedented dangers—small Pearl Harbors." This means our backyards.

In the past, we have always hid behind mass deterrent. But that doesn't work now. Americans have absolutely no nuclear protection. Are we to wait until the whistle blows? It will, with more than 27,000 nuclear weapons circulating throughout the world.

*Jack Hoerner  
Denver*

When we sell nuclear weapons to other countries, we are proving one of Lenin's comments: "When it comes time to hang the capitalists, they will fight over who gets to sell us the rope."

*Louis Pushkarsky  
Trenton, Mo.*

The only way to prevent this nuclear monster from going to its logical conclusion is to make the United States 100 percent energy independent. This will stop the siphoning off of our wealth by the oil-rich sheiks.

*Ronald I. Pritikin  
Rockford, Ill.*

## Tarawa Giveaway

If you were a Marine, Tarawa will mean something to you. It should. It was an expensive piece of real estate. It cost the lives of more than 1,000 Marines. But the Marines won the island. Almost all of the defending Japanese were killed.

Tarawa is a group of coral islands in the Central Pacific, but now it's called Kiribati. It's a republic and the other day, the U.S. Senate gave it

away by approving a treaty.

We gave it away just like we did the Panama Canal, only Tarawa cost us a lot more.

*C. Samuel Scott  
Piney Flats, Tenn.*

## Aleutians Revisited

It was nice to see something about the Aleutians in THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine ("Battle For The Aleutians," by Sid Moody, August). But there's some information that needs to be added. The First Special Service Force trained at Kiska, and all of us were glad the Japanese had decided to flee. It was a bit unnerving to learn from Tokyo Rose the invasion would take place Aug. 15 and subsequently have that confirmed by the general staff.

It's true that the Kiska force consisted of Americans and Canadian troops. What most of those who made the landing didn't know was that they

had been preceded by a U.S.-Canadian unit, the First Special Force, which landed at 1:30 a.m., in advance of the 6:30 a.m. landing. Also, there's nothing in our unit history about any one of our guys being greeted by an "explosion," as Moody states.

*William S. Story  
Executive Director  
First Special Service Force Association  
Moneta, Va.*

Moody neglected to mention the USS Nassau, the Jeep carrier that provided air cover for the Attu landings.

*Stan Sumara  
Jacksonville, Fla.*

I commend the article by Moody. It was short but honest. So much went wrong with the campaign, that it is my belief the military covered it up.

*Frank M. Obert-Thorn  
Philadelphia*

The article mentioned U.S. and Canadian troops. That is not totally correct. The forces also included English, New Zealand, Australian and French.

*Harland Shuey  
Des Moines, Iowa*

There is much more to the Aleutian story. I was part of an infantry regi-

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## Correction

Information about some organizations mentioned in the article on home schooling, "Going To School By Staying At Home," (September) was incorrect or incomplete. The correct information is:

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ment that broke out into numerous units spread through coastal and island areas of Alaska and the Aleutians.

Our first unit of some 500 men arrived in the Aleutian Islands in January 1942. A similar unit from our Second Battalion landed on Umak Island about the same time. An Engineer Battalion from the Alabama National Guard was also there. More than 4,000 men were at Cold Bay and a similar number at Umak. By the time the Japanese came after Dutch Harbor, the units at Cold Bay had constructed an airfield and dock large enough to hold ocean-going vessels many months before the Japanese arrived.

*Richard J. Logger  
St. Louis*

## Gun Tax

I'm surprised that Cliff Kincaid ("Federal Gun Tax," Washington Watch, July) appears ignorant of the fact that there has been for many years an 11 percent tax on all guns, ammunition and components.

*Richard H. Conley  
Halifax, Pa.*

## Honor The Armistice

A terrible injustice is about to take place, and we as a people are just sitting back and letting it happen. Many may not even know about it. We have learned that several school districts in Alameda County in California have decided to move the Veterans Day observance to Friday, Nov. 12, to make a three-day weekend. This may also be happening in other states.

Veterans Day was originally Armistice Day, marking the armistice that ended World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th day on the 11th month of 1918. It did not end on the 12th day. In 1954, the name was changed to Veterans Day to honor all veterans.

Maybe Veterans Day doesn't seem important, but it symbolizes hope for peace. Veterans Day is a reminder of those who died and is a day to honor those who have fought for our freedoms. By carelessly moving this date, what message does this give our children? More importantly, what message does this give our veterans?

We welcome individuals who share

our concerns to write their state legislatures requesting laws that will keep the Veterans Day observance on Nov. 11. Help us preserve this tradition.

*Pam & Rick Richards  
San Leandro, Calif.*

## Seawolf

I am against cutting defense, but if the Seawolf sub is not needed, then the money saved by canceling it should be put into the VA budget ("Should The Navy Stop Building Seawolf Submarines?" Big Issues, August).

*Peter Terrebetzky  
Maspeth, N.Y.*

The demise of the Soviet Union did not remove the threat of nuclear disaster. I doubt that peace is upon us. There is still the matter of the Middle East, and China is still Red. The mind boggles at the thought of facing China with conventional forces. With the Seawolf, the economy would benefit and the nation would be ready for any awesome surprises that may be laying in wait.

*Thomas K. Harvey  
Jackson, La.*

## Federal Benefits

I am one of those federal employees covered by the "lucrative federal health benefits program" ("Health-Care Battles," Washington Watch, August). But in talking to people in the private sector, I get the impression that this plan is not lucrative, nor outside the norm. The federal government employs a large number of military veterans, and it is unfortunate that THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine would carry an article that suggests federal employees are getting something not earned.

*Richard R. Rice  
St. Peters, Mo.*

## Sub Survivors, Cont'd.

The August Vetvoice letters about U-boats machine-gunning survivors prompted me to investigate those claims ("Subs And Survivors"). I read the books cited in the letters, and I found overwhelming documented testimony about the decent, humane

treatment given to survivors of sunken ships by U-boat sailors. I did find where survivors were indeed machine-gunned, but by the Japanese. However, I did find one reference to a U-boat committing this atrocity.

*Frederick Faeth  
St. Johnsbury, Vt.*

In World War II, I was a tail gunner on a B-17 flying fortress. On Aug. 4, 1944, we were on a mission over Germany and we received a direct hit. I had to bail out, and on the way down, I heard a loud whistling noise come close to me. At first I didn't know what it was. The second time I heard it, I was looking down and I saw a puff off smoke from a ship's gun. That's when I realized they were shooting at me.

I can believe the Germans would shoot at helpless survivors in a lifeboat.

*William J. Knox  
Madisonville, Ky.*

I served in the Merchant Marine from 1943-49. During the war years, standard equipment on lifeboats was a bag containing wooden plugs that were to be used to plug bullet holes in the lifeboat. I served with several seamen who told me stories about being machine-gunned while in lifeboats. I believe my shipmates.

*Henry G. Rippe  
Central Islip, N.Y.*

Let's look at the letters published in the August Vetvoice about U-boats machine-gunning survivors. One letter says that saying U-boaters did not machine-gun men in the water is the same as saying there was no Holocaust. What has one to do with the other? Where is the proof? There is none.

Other letters do nothing more than quote and re-quote old writings that were themselves unproven retellings of old propaganda.

If the U-boat commanders had done this, they would have been tried, but they were not. The men of the U-Waffe fought bravely and honorably for their country, and it is wrong to paint them as criminals just because

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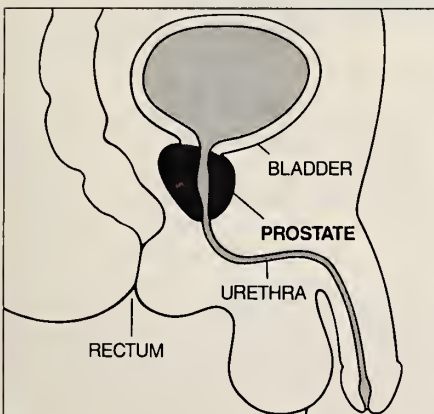
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#### What is BPH?

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- a weak or interrupted urinary stream
- a feeling that you cannot empty your bladder completely
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#### Treatment options for BPH

There are three main treatment options for BPH:

• **Program of monitoring or "Watchful Waiting".** If a man has an enlarged prostate gland and no symptoms or if his symptoms do not bother him, he and his doctor may decide on a program of monitoring which would include regular checkups, instead of medication or surgery.

• **Medication.** Your doctor may prescribe PROSCAR for BPH. See "What PROSCAR does" below.

• **Surgery.** Some patients may need surgery. Your doctor can describe several different surgical procedures for BPH. Which procedure is best depends on your symptoms and medical condition.

#### What PROSCAR does

PROSCAR lowers levels of a key hormone called DHT (dihydrotestosterone), which is a major cause of prostate growth. Lowering DHT leads to shrinkage of the enlarged prostate gland in most men. This can lead to gradual improvement in urine flow and symptoms over the next several months. However, since each case of BPH is different, you should know that:

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- You may need to take PROSCAR for six (6) months or more to see whether it helps you.
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#### What you need to know while taking PROSCAR

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• **About side effects.** Like all prescription drugs, PROSCAR may cause side effects. Side effects due to PROSCAR may include impotence (or inability to have an erection) and less desire for sex. Each of these side effects occurred in less than 4% of patients in clinical studies. In some cases side effects went away while the patient continued to take PROSCAR.

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You should discuss side effects with your doctor before taking PROSCAR and anytime you think you are having a side effect.

• **Checking for prostate cancer.** Your doctor has prescribed PROSCAR for symptomatic BPH and not for cancer—but a man can have BPH and prostate cancer at the same time. Doctors usually recommend that men be checked for prostate cancer once a year when they turn 50 (or 40 if a family member has had prostate cancer). These checks should continue while you take PROSCAR. PROSCAR is not a treatment for prostate cancer.

• **About prostate specific antigen (PSA).** Your doctor may have done a blood test called PSA. PROSCAR can alter PSA values. For more information, talk to your doctor.

#### • A warning about PROSCAR and pregnancy.

PROSCAR is for use by MEN only.

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**Handling broken tablets.** Women who are pregnant or who could become pregnant must **not handle broken** tablets of PROSCAR.

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#### How to take PROSCAR

Follow your doctor's advice about how to take PROSCAR. You must take it every day. You may take it with or between meals. To avoid forgetting to take PROSCAR, it may be helpful to take it the same time every day.

Do not share PROSCAR with anyone else; it was prescribed only for you.

Keep PROSCAR and all medicines out of the reach of children.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROSCAR AND BPH, TALK WITH YOUR DOCTOR. IN ADDITION, TALK TO YOUR PHARMACIST OR OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.



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their side lost the war.

*Harry Cooper  
Sharkhunters International  
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I don't doubt that all the stories about being machine-gunned by U-boats is true. I was one of the lucky ones. My ship was torpedoed in February 1942 in the South Atlantic. The sub surfaced and started machine-gunning, but all the bullets flew over us.

*Erik P. Sorensen  
Santa Cruz, Calif.*

There are some veterans who love to tell sea stories.

*Marc J. Cohen  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.*

## Just Dues

Thanks to National Commander Munson for the article in the August issue explaining the reasons for the proposed dues increase ("If The Legion Is For It, We Will Be For It"). The article proved an excellent, understandable, detailed commentary regarding the financial need for this increase. This information is very useful when a member questions the need for the Post dues adjustment. All members should be urged to read it.

*Gar Pagett  
Hamburg, N.Y.*

## Remembering Korea

You didn't mention the 623rd Artillery ("Korea 1950-53," by Norman Goldstein, August).

*Mr. & Mrs. Donald E. Lange  
Sterling, Ill.*

There was no comment or acknowledgment given to the many people of the U.S. Navy. I was a crew member of the U.S.S. Partridge (AMS-31), which was sunk in February 1951. We lost five of the original seven ships in our minesweeping squadron. In fact, the invasion of Inchon could not have happened until mines were cleared for troop landings.

*Sal Amico  
Manchester, N.H.*

The retreat from the Chinese was one of the saddest episodes in U.S. military history. It was a disaster.

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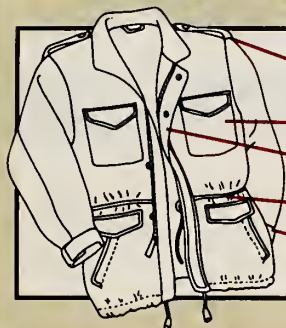
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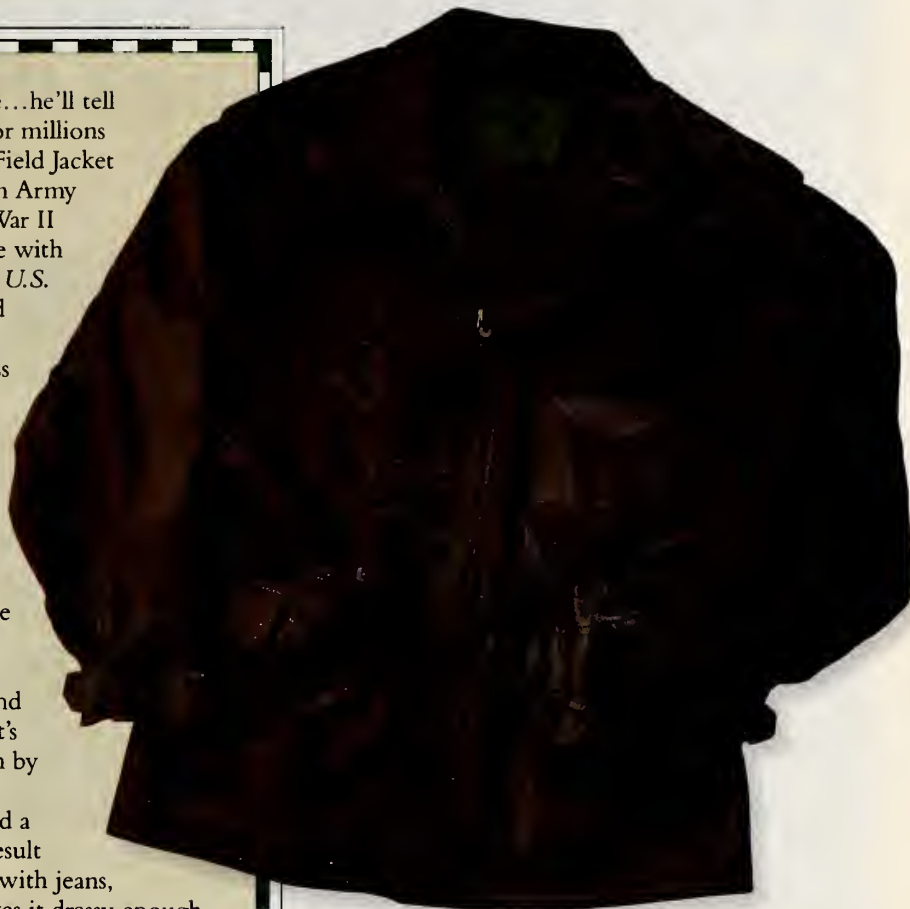
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# VETERANS DAY REMINDS US OF THINGS WE SHOULD NOT FORGET

**B**EIRUT, LEBANON. October 1983. Terrorists smashed a van loaded with explosives into the U.S. Marine barracks and seconds later, America's peacekeeping mission smoldered in the flames that followed an enormous explosion.

The 10th anniversary of the Beirut bombing of the Marine barracks was commemorated last month in silence by the families of the 241 U.S. Marines who died in the terrorist attack. This was all there was to honor America's fallen peacekeepers who died the warrior's death.

I cannot help but remember these brave Americans on Veterans Day. We have troops in Somalia who are on a similar mission, and they too are being killed and wounded. We talk of sending peacekeepers to Bosnia, a place where many U.S. troops would be killed regardless of what they are called — warrior or peacekeeper.

We cannot forget that peacekeeping is a misleading word. Trying to keep the peace between two parties that would rather fight is as dangerous as combat. Right now, I think we are underestimating the danger.

I want to use the occasion of Veterans Day to honor U.S. peacekeeping troops who have an impossible job — a mission with no clear way to win and numerous ways to lose. While we honor all veterans on this day, it seems that those who serve and those who are killed on peacekeeping duty never quite get the respect they deserve.

I say we should honor them, as we do those who are sent into combat. While we can't compare peacekeeping and war, we can equate the individual service of U.S. troops in harm's way.

To remember the sacrifice of the Marines who died in Beirut, we must encourage the U.S. Postal Service to



*Nat'l. Cmdr. Bruce Thiesen*

issue a commemorative stamp to honor them. Please help support this stamp by writing to: The Honorable Marvin Runyon, Postmaster General, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Washington, DC 20260.

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As our nation gets involved in more post-Cold War peacekeeping operations, we must be very careful about the opportunities for foreign command of U.S. troops that will arise.

At our 75th National Convention in Pittsburgh, the Legion's National Security Commission passed resolution 170 opposing the placement of "U.S. military forces under foreign command unless approved by Congress." That's a bare minimum precautionary measure.

I cannot imagine any nation sharing the same degree of resolve for the safety of our troops compared to an American general. And I cannot imagine a nation that shares America's resolve to do the right thing. While we too can be self-interested in our for-

eign policy, we are always mindful of what is good for the community of nations. When countries need help, they call the United States.

What about U.S. POWs taken during peacekeeping missions? Would a foreign commander risk his men's lives for a U.S. POW?

We cannot assume a foreign commander would or would not do everything in his power to protect our troops. But we can remember that when joining the U.S. Armed Forces, our sons and daughters swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, not the missions of the United Nations. We owe them the privilege of serving our nation in that way.

The issue of POW/MIAs in peacekeeping is a problem not only for a foreign commander but for a U.S.-led force as well. As reported in the article "POW/MIAs: The Next War" in the March issue of THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine, U.S. POWs taken during peacekeeping operations are not protected by the Geneva Conventions. They are hostages or political prisoners. More needs to be done to protect them.

Supporting U.S. peacekeeping troops is one important way America can honor veterans this Veterans Day, but it is not the only way. Many memorials honoring our military service need our help. So we can "preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars," we must help get these tributes built. (See box on Page 72.)

However you chose to do it, please honor your fellow veterans by helping others in your community celebrate Veterans Day. Together, we honor their service and their courage. Separately, we pay our own special tribute to those who have served by remembering to remember. We must remember so the world will not forget. □



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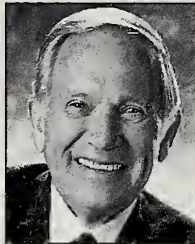


# SHOULD CONGRESS REPEAL MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCING?

**Rep. Don Edwards (D-California)**

During the 1980s "War on Crime," Congress enacted "mandatory minimum" laws requiring federal judges to impose a certain sentence on an offender, regardless of the person's background and nature of the crime. Mandatory minimums now number over 100, with many more proposed. Not only must we not enact new ones, but Congress should repeal the existing ones. The facts are these:

## YES



- The federal prison population tripled from 1980 to 1993 and will quintuple by 2000. Three-quarters of new arrivals are drug offenders, who by 1996 will comprise two-thirds of the prison population.

- To accommodate these prisoners, we opened 29 federal prisons from 1979-1990. They cost \$1.7 billion to maintain; new cells cost \$50,000 each. By 2002, we will spend \$2.8 billion annually. If we had sentenced inmates to prison alternatives like probation or halfway houses, we could have saved \$384 million in 1992 and \$438 million in 1993. The Bureau of Prisons says the recidivism rate for offenders sentenced to alternatives is low—only 14 percent.

- Ninety-one percent of mandatory minimum sentences are imposed on nonviolent, often first-time offenders. Ironically, nonviolent offenders often serve more time than violent ones.

- The Judicial Conference of all federal judges opposes mandatory minimum sentences because they remove all their sentencing discretion. Some people argue that we need mandatory minimum sentencing because traditional sentencing does not sufficiently deter crime. Citing a study by economics professor Moorage Reynolds, they say the average murderer spends only 1.8 years in prison. This use of statistics is misleading. The study computes the average sentence *per murder*—not *per conviction*.

Since only 20 percent of major crimes result in conviction, the average murderer serves a much longer sentence.

Congress must eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for at least first-time, nonviolent offenders. Federal judges are better than Congress at selecting appropriate punishment. At \$30,000 per year to maintain inmates in federal prisons, we not only cannot afford these senseless policies, but we are also creating a criminal training ground for offenders who might otherwise become law-abiding citizens. ☐

**Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas)**



## NO

In trying to account for the 6 million violent crimes committed annually, analysts point to the breakdown of the family, violence on television and the absence of values-education in our schools. While each of these factors has an impact, they overlook the main culprit: A criminal justice system in which the cost of committing crimes is so shamelessly cheap that it fails to deter potential criminals.

Mandatory minimum sentences deal with this problem directly. When a potential criminal knows that if he is convicted, he is *certain* to be sentenced, and his sentence is certain to be stiff, his cost-benefit calculus changes dramatically. His costs go up, his "profits" go down, and his willingness to engage in criminal activity takes a nose-dive.

Critics point out that mandatory sentencing robs judges of their discretion in imposing sentences. And they are right; that's the whole point. Most people don't have much faith in our criminal justice system after seeing all-too-many cases where violent criminals have walked away with light, or even no prison sentences.

Critics ask, "Is it fair that someone who has never committed a crime in his life should go to prison for 10 years because one day he sold drugs to some kid? Shouldn't we distinguish between a major drug dealer and a minor drug offense?"

Once again, the critics are right. There is a distinction between major and minor drug offenses. A minor drug offense is when a pusher sells drugs to somebody else's child; a major drug offense is when he pushes drugs on your child. Only when we are outraged about what is happening to someone else's children as well as our own, will we deal with the crime problem effectively.

Of course, there is the cost issue to be considered. A study by the National Institute for Justice found it costs \$25,000 to keep a felon in prison for a year. Meanwhile, a Rand Corporation study calculated that the criminal who is involved in illegal activities imposes a financial cost of \$430,000 a year on the public — not to mention such immeasurable but very real costs as grief, fear and anger.

Spending \$25,000 a year to save \$430,000 a year is a brilliant allocation of resources. As long as I am a Senator, we will impose more minimum sentences, not repeal them. ☐

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## The Crazy Vet Hoax

The popular TV program, *60 Minutes*, called Larry Hogue the "Wild Man of 96th Street" because he terrorized Manhattan pedestrians and mindlessly banged on cars. His mental problems were traced in media reports to Agent Orange or being hit by a propeller blade while serving in Vietnam.

But the *New York Guardian*, a conservative monthly paper, alleges a review of military records by researcher B.G. Burkett reveals that Hogue never went to Vietnam, and was discharged before the massive U.S. buildup began there.

Burkett, a Vietnam veteran from Texas, has specialized in debunking stories of Vietnam veteran "crazies" or self-appointed war "heroes" by independent research that includes obtaining documents under the Freedom of Information Act.

He's considering a book that will expose famous politicians and actors who exaggerated their war records.

## Limbaugh In Limbo

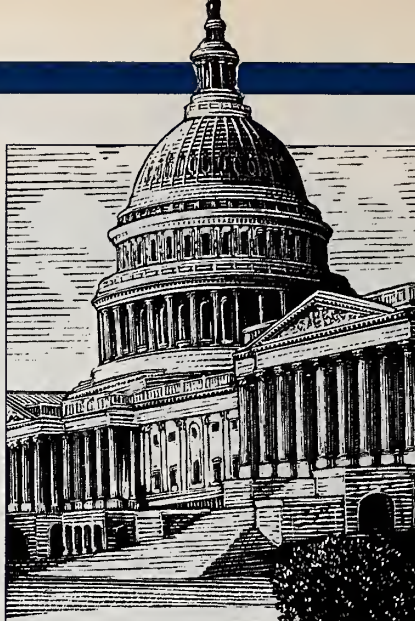
Calling it the "Hush Rush Act," radio personality Rush Limbaugh was counting on his conservative supporters to derail passage of the fairness doctrine, a law mandating balanced coverage of controversial issues on radio and television. Limbaugh fans were expected to flood Congress with calls against the proposal and provoke a showdown on Capitol Hill.

Limbaugh, who viewed the law as an effort to mute his criticism of liberal politicians, also enlisted the support of Dave Bartlett, president of the Radio-Television News Directors Association. Bartlett, vowing legal action, agreed the act was aimed at conservatives like Limbaugh and that it would create expensive legal problems for stations airing his show.

But Limbaugh, who poses as a defender of traditional morality, found some of his support waning, as more and more of his own listeners rebuked him for granting an interview to *Playboy* magazine. Citing *Playboy's* liberal politics, one critic said, "Limbaugh turned his back on those who put him where he is today."

The *Playboy* interview is scheduled

*Washington-based Cliff Kincaid writes for Human Events and other publications.*



## WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

for the popular Christmas issue.

Besides apologizing for the *Playboy* interview, Limbaugh's press spokesman, Kit Carson, was also busy fending off questions about a Limbaugh interview in *Penthouse*. Carson insisted that the interviewer, Marvin Kitman, never revealed he was working for *Penthouse*.

## Oil And Security

America's growing reliance on imported oil is worrying members of Congress more and more, as domestic oil production falls to its lowest level in more than 30 years. Among those sounding the alarm is Rep. Ralph Regula of Ohio, who told THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine that dependence on foreign oil is an "invitation for blackmail" from oil-producing countries.

Regula urges more domestic drilling, especially off the California coast, where, he said, "They don't want to see drilling rigs in the sunset from their million-dollar homes." If there was an oil embargo, with gas lines, and prices rising to \$4 a gallon, Regula says public sentiment would turn against environmental considerations, even to the extent of allowing someone to "drill on the White House lawn."

U.S. dependence on foreign oil is cited by some Washington insiders as the reason why President Clinton active-

ly sought the sale of \$6 billion worth of U.S.-made passenger jets to Saudi Arabia. In return for the purchase, they say, the administration implicitly promised military protection for the Saudi regime. Administration spokesmen deny any such deal was made.

## Skinning The Skins

Will Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado pull a Moseley-Braun? That's the question haunting Capitol Hill as senators ponder his bill to rename the Washington Redskins football team. Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun of Illinois, the only black member of the Senate, shamed her colleagues into denying copyright protection for the symbol of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which contained the Confederate flag.

Campbell, the only Native American in the Senate, could similarly try to prevent Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke from using the Redskins name when the team moves to a new football stadium on federal property in Washington, D.C. Campbell's leverage is that building the new stadium requires government action to lease the land. He has introduced a bill that agrees to turn over the land as long as the team doesn't use "ethnic stereotypes."

Though his bill had no co-sponsors and wasn't scheduled for floor action, Washington, D.C., Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly endorsed it. If Campbell, perhaps with the support of Moseley-Braun, goes to the Senate floor to demand action, some Capitol Hill observers don't rule out a Redskins' loss.

Would the Atlanta Braves be next?

## Literary Guns

The Vietnam Veterans Institute (VVI) has launched a preemptive strike against the movie version of Neil Sheehan's Vietnam War epic, *A Bright Shining Lie*. The book, which won a Pulitzer Prize and National Book award, portrays U.S. Vietnam policy as deceitful and defeat as inevitable. Warning that Jane Fonda, who bought the movie rights, is still planning to go ahead with the film, the latest *VVI Journal* has four essays critiquing the book and asks, "Will Oliver Stone make himself available just in time to film the screen adaptation of Sheehan's epic?" VVI cautions against letting the next generation view the Sheehan book as the last word on the war. □



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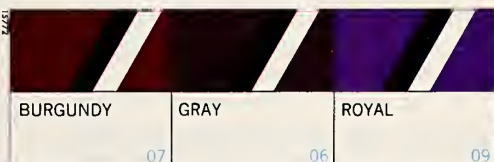
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# Homegrown Memorials

**T**HE BURNISHED bronze figure of a bald eagle towers 12 feet above the city hall plaza in Arvada, Colo. Each morning, the rising sun touches the snow on the Rockies and for a moment the brilliance is blinding.

As daylight rolls down the mountainside and onto the town, the proud bird gazes out at early morning joggers, the shadows of its wings protectively spread over the children cutting through the plaza on their way to school.

It stands impervious to the nip of frost in the air, its mighty talons gripping the stone on which it perches, assuring those who pass beneath it.

This guardian of freedom, this symbol of America boldly stands above an American Legion emblem and these words engraved in stone:

*"In remembrance of all veterans who gave of themselves so that peace may prevail."*

The \$26,000 (see photo) sculpture may not be as grand as a multi-million dollar national memorial, but it is very special to the Arvada Legionnaires of Post 161 and their community.

It is their vow—their sworn promise—that their comrades who died defending the nation in time of war will never be forgotten.

In keeping with the Preamble of The American Legion Constitution, Legionnaires at Posts big and small throughout the country erect memorials "to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars."

Post 161 Commander Harold Tegler said members of the Post paid for the Arvada memorial from proceeds of bingo games and other fundraisers, the way most Posts do.



*The true heart of veterans' memorials can be found in small towns across the country, conceived, financed and erected by small Posts.*



But Post 161 has more than 1,000 members. For small Posts with less resources, the memorial may be as simple as a flag pole or a piece of granite.

Small Posts, however, can undertake more elaborate projects when they join forces with their community. That's exactly what Post 414 did in Everly, Iowa, a town with a population of about

800. The 52 members of Post 414 helped the town fathers build a new park and expand Everly's memorial to veterans.

Post members volunteered their time and labor to move the World War II memorial statue to the new park site, and decided to build a memorial to veterans who died in all wars. Near the statue now lies a wall listing the names of Everly residents who died in wartime service to their country.

According to Post Adjutant Claire Moding, the money for the memorial project came from pancake breakfasts, donations and Legion-sponsored community fundraisers.

Today, the memorial occupies an important spot next to a lighted flag pole in Everly's Veterans Park. And etched in a brass plate are the names — Arnie Lohse, Bill Fallon, Joe Galm and more — local people who left their homes to serve their country and never returned.

Near the courthouse in Carthage, Miss., stands a monument which, like Everly's, bears the names of the town's war dead, but one. That exception is why the 4,500 residents of Carthage now have two veterans memorials, thanks to the efforts of Mississippi Representative G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery and Legion Post 168.

One day Montgomery visited Carthage to see the monument and offered to give a 30-ton M-60 tank to Post 168.

"We had a little money left over from the memorial at the courthouse," Legionnaire George Turner says, "so we accepted the tank and did a mighty fast job of building a platform for it."

The tank memorial, located near the Shelby County fairgrounds, is dedicated to the National Guardsmen and

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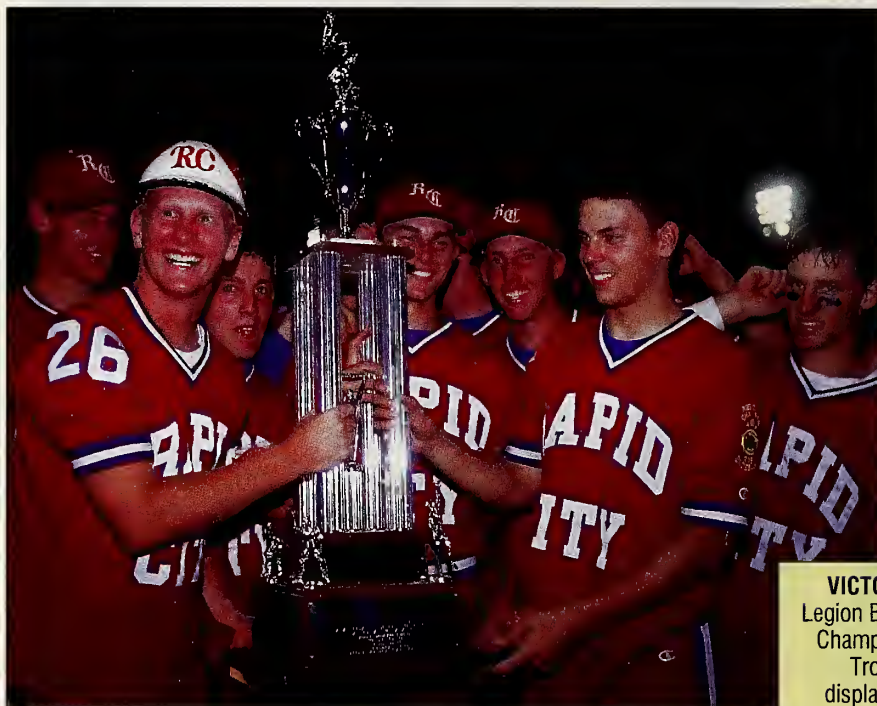
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# RAPID CITY ROMPS TO TITLE



**VICTORS—**  
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displayed by  
Rapid City  
players.

*Post 22 of Rapid City, S.D., won 70 ball games in 1993, but none were as sweet as the last one. The 7-4 victory over Las Vegas gave them the Legion championship.*

**By Anthony Miller**

**T**HE OLD Oregon Trail never passed through South Dakota, but Rapid City, S.D., passed through Roseburg, Ore., on the way to its first American Legion World Series championship.

Making its fourth World Series appearance, Rapid City Post 22 defeated Las Vegas Post 8 by a score

*Anthony Miller, a former staff member of this magazine, is assistant editor of The Dispatch, The American Legion's twice-monthly newspaper.*

of 7-4 in the title game Aug. 31 at Legion Memorial Field.

Apart from its loss against Norman, Okla., Rapid City (70-5) dominated its tournament rivals with an offense that struck early and often. The South Dakota team soon became the tourney favorite by whipping Osseo, Minn., 15-2, and Rockland County, N.Y., 14-5, and then humbling Post 8, 16-0, in Post 22's first meeting with the Las Vegas team.

The South Dakota team's 70 victories in 1993 fell one shy of tying The American Legion record for wins by a series champion. It was Post 22 coach Dave Ploof's first championship win in what he described as a "satisfying and successful" 29-year coaching

career.

The overwhelming star of the series was Rapid City's Ben Thomas, 17, who proved equally adept at savaging opposing pitchers as he was at handcuffing hitters. The 6'3", 180-lb. pitcher/first baseman won the top honor, the George W. Rulon American Legion Player of the Year Award.

The Rapid City hurler struck out 27 batters to win the Bob Feller Pitching Award, smacked 16 RBIs to share first place honors in the Click Cowger RBI Award, and hit .435 (going 20 for 46) to tie for fourth in batting average.

"It hasn't hit me yet. It's a great feeling to come out here and compete," said Thomas. After the game, Thomas had his hands full answering questions from the media while juggling the three plaques he won.

In the title game against Las Vegas Post 8, Thomas propelled Post 22 to an early lead with a first-inning, two-out double to left. On the mound for Post 22 was Bill Freytag (10-0), who was unreachable through five innings before surrendering single runs to Los

Vegas in each of the last four innings.

Award winners for the 1993 American Legion World Series are:

- Ben Thomas of Post 22, Rapid City, S.D., who won The George W. Rulon Player of the Year Award. Thomas also received a \$2,000 scholarship from Gatorade.
- Chad Stevenson of Las Vegas Post 8, winner of The James F. Daniel Jr. Sportsmanship Award.
- Allen Layman of Norman, Okla., and Ben Thomas of Rapid City, S.D., who shared The Irvin L. "Click" Cowger RBI Award for collecting 16 RBIs each.
- Allen Layman, Norman, Okla., whose 34 bases gave him The Rawlings Big Stick Award for the most total bases in regional and series play.
- Rapid City Manager Dave Ploof and coaches Steve Wolff and Carl Stonecipher; The Jack Williams Memorial Leadership Award.
- Ryan Merritt of Post 22, Rapid City, S.D., who won The Louisville Slugger Batting Award for his .490 batting average.
- Ben Thomas of Rapid City, whose 27 strikeouts earned him The Bob Feller Pitching Award. □



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from any other man. He has written his own history and written it in red on his enemy's breast.

But when I think of his patience in adversity, of his courage under fire, and of his modesty in victory, I am filled with an emotion of admiration I cannot put into words. He belongs to history as furnishing one of the greatest examples of successful patriotism. He belongs to posterity as the instructor of future generations in the principles of liberty and freedom. He belongs to the present, to us, by his virtues and by his achievements.

In twenty campaigns, on a hundred battlefields, around a thousand campfires, I have witnessed that enduring fortitude, that patriotic self-abnegation, and that invincible determination which have carved his statue in the hearts of his people.

From one end of the world to the other, he has drained deep the chalice of courage. As I listened to those songs [of the Cadet Glee Club], in memory's eye I could see those staggering columns of the First World War, bending under soggy packs on many a weary march, from dripping dusk to drizzling dawn, slogging ankle-deep through the mire of shell-pocked roads; to form grimly for the attack, blue-lipped, covered with sludge and mud, chilled by the wind and rain, driving home to their objective, and, for many, to the judgment seat of God.

I do not know the dignity of their birth, but I do know the glory of their death. They died, unquestioning, uncomplaining, with faith in their hearts, and on their lips the hope that we would go on to victory.

Always for them: Duty, honor, country. *Always* their blood, and sweat, and tears, as we sought the way and the light and the truth. And 20 years after, on the other side of the globe, again the filth of murky foxholes, the stench of ghostly trenches, the slime of dripping dugouts, those boiling suns of relentless heat, those torrential rains of devastating storms, the loneliness and utter desolation of jungle trails, the bitterness of long separation from those they loved and cherished, the deadly pestilence of tropical disease, the horror of stricken areas of war.

Their resolute and determined  
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*The veterans of America, what kind of people are they?*

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur answered this question in his famous "Duty, Honor, Country" speech delivered extemporaneously before the U.S. Military Academy's corps of cadets in May 1962.

In the following excerpts, MacArthur describes the devotion, courage and sacrifice of the men with whom he served, from World War I through the Korean War. As he spoke about "the soldier who is called upon to offer and give his life for his country," MacArthur, of course, was honoring all men and women of all the Armed Forces, past and future.

We think these are fitting words for this Veterans Day, November 11, 1993, 75 years after the end of World War I.  
—The Editors.

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ND WHAT sort of soldiers are those you are to lead? Are they reliable? Are they brave? Are they capable of victory?

Their story is known to all of you. It is the story of the American man-at-arms. My estimate of him was formed on the battlefield many, many years ago, and has never changed. I regarded him then, as I regard him now, as one of the world's noblest figures; not only as one of the finest military characters, but also as one of the most stainless.

His name and fame are the birthright of every American citizen. In his youth and strength, his love and loyalty, he gave all that mortality can give. He needs no eulogy from me, or



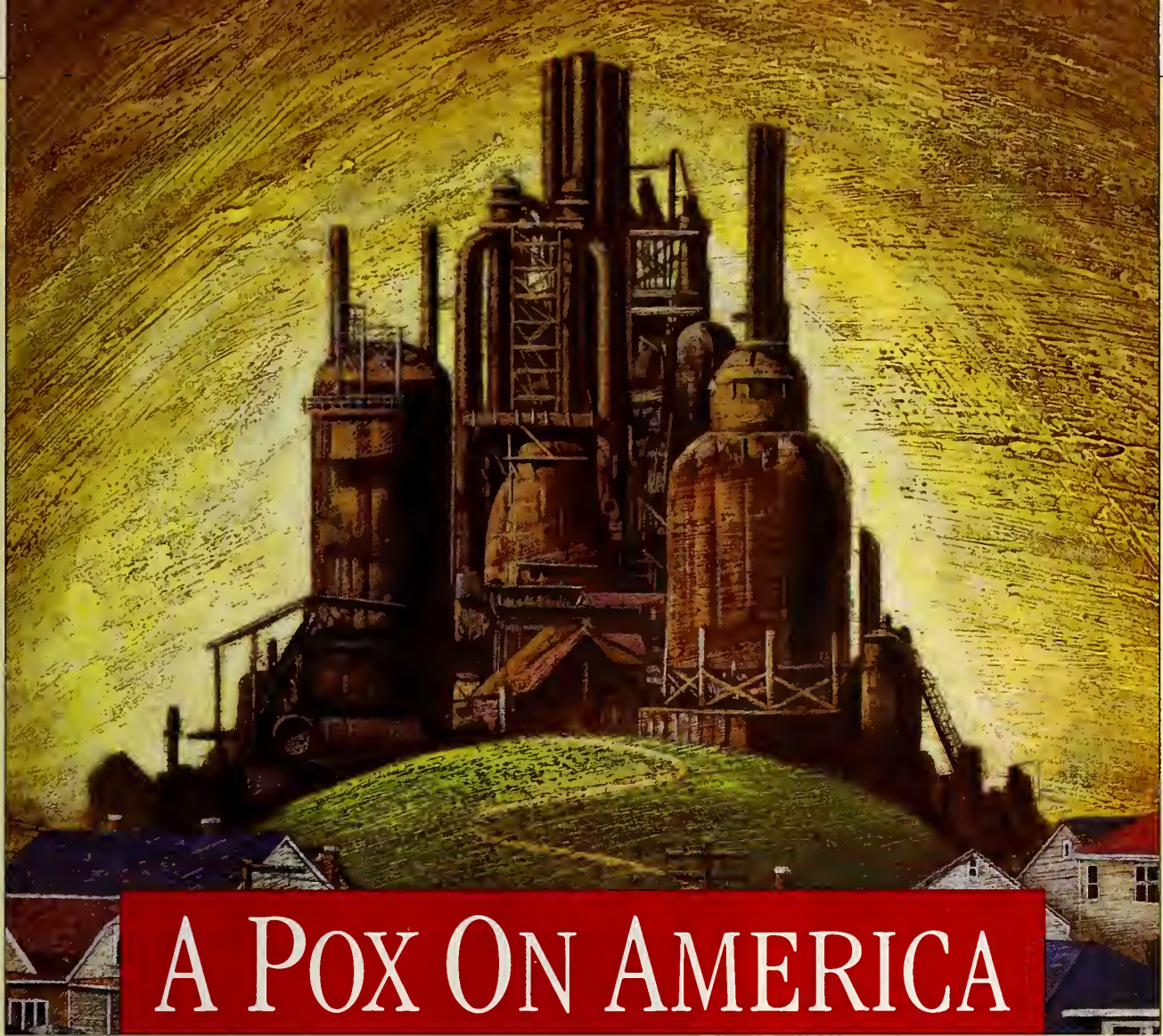


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# A POX ON AMERICA

## ABANDONED FACTORIES AND SMALL-TOWN AMERICA

**J**OHN Klingensmith remembers a time when the business district in his hometown of McKeesport provided stiff competition for the big-city merchants of neighboring Pittsburgh. ■ In the last decade though, Klingensmith, who owns an insurance agency, has watched his city lose its hustle and bustle. The linchpin for McKeesport's economy, a U.S. Steel mill in the heart of town, scaled back operations in the early 1980s and finally shut its doors in 1986. The closing hurt — U.S. Steel employed some 4,000 workers there — but what hurt worse was that the



**By Drew Lindsay**



mill stood empty for years. As its buildings rusted, businesses around it fell like dominoes. McKeesport is not the only city where an abandoned factory haunts the landscape. Conservative estimates put the number of abandoned factories at 100,000, but there are probably two or three times that.

Once the engine of America, these factories are now a dead weight on urban economic recovery. They sap their cities' economic strength, spawn blight and threaten the environment.

Although a national problem, abandoned factories have caught the attention of only a handful of lawmakers. Most of the sites are polluted, and critics complain that federal environmental liability laws make industrial sites legal quagmires for developers and lenders.

A few states are trying to cut through the liability problems and provide funding for redevelopment, but cities largely wrestle with these wastelands alone. They know better than anyone else that these rotting dinosaurs threaten their future.

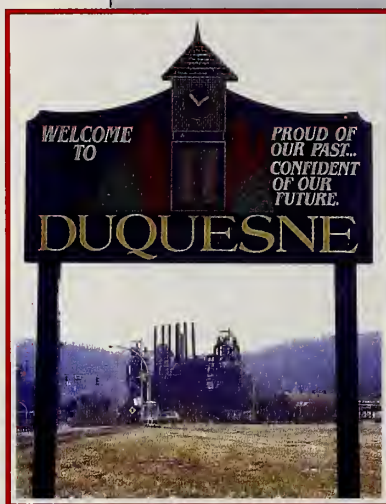
**T**HE TOWN of Duquesne clings to a hill that climbs east from the Monongahela Valley about 10 miles southeast of Pittsburgh and a few miles from McKeesport. Just about every street corner in Duquesne commands a view of the Duquesne Works, a closed steel mill that sprawls for 250 acres at the town's feet.

The mill's smokestacks stand straight as sentries, but rust has colored them dingy and black. Grass grows everywhere — tall stalks have taken root even on the roof of a 150-foot high building.

The mill was once a jewel in the string of mills that line the Monongahela Valley. Growing up, the town's finance officer, David Poljak, saw his father, grandfathers and uncles answer the early morning whistle of the mill. "That was their life," Poljak says. "It was expected that when you were old enough, you went to work at the mill."

Now Poljak makes his living tallying the economic toll the empty mill

*Freelancer Drew Lindsay follows environmental issues from Washington, D.C.*







**EMPTY GIANTS**—Once the engines of America, factories such as the Duquesne Works in Duquesne, Pa., are now a dead weight on economic recovery. Conservative estimates number abandoned factories at 100,000.

has taken on the city in the past eight years.

The mill's closing stripped the city of 45 percent of its revenue base, he says. Gone are the mill's real estate taxes, parking revenues and water fees. Over the years since U.S. Steel shut down operations in 1984, Duquesne has cut its police force almost in half, its public works division by two-thirds, and its fire department has dropped 13 of its 17 full-time firefighters.

The schools need repairs badly, Poljak says, and that's a strike against the town when young families scout for homes. Duquesne's assessed value, once at \$33 million, now hovers around \$20 million.

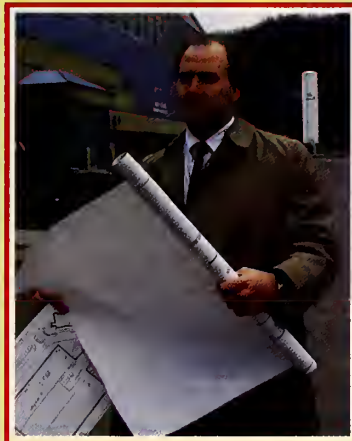
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Blight hasn't touched Duquesne, but urban experts say it's usually never far behind a factory closing. In a study of 15 major cities, including New York, Chicago, Indianapolis and Los Angeles, researchers led by professor Michael Greenberg at Rutgers University in New Jersey concluded that Temporarily Obsolete Abandoned Derelict Sites (TOADS) "deter new development, undermine a community, lower the property values and encourage further abandonment."

Research on neighborhoods around

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## KEYSTONE COMMONS



**SWEET SUCCESS**—In some towns, abandoned factories have been put back to work. Housing a variety of companies, East Pittsburgh's new industrial park is inside an old Westinghouse plant.

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# America's Engine of Capitalism

*The New York Stock Exchange isn't just for titans of industry and millionaires, says chairman and CEO William H. Donaldson. More than 150 million Americans, rich and poor, have a stake in what happens on Wall Street.*

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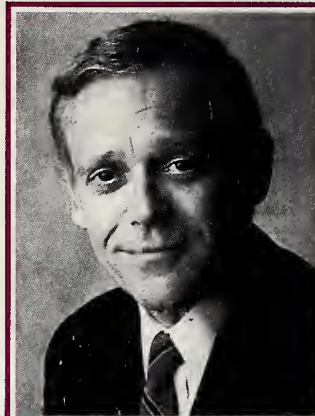
Some 51 million Americans directly own stock in companies listed on the NYSE. Overall, 150 million have money invested in stocks directly or have money invested in stocks through pension funds, corporate profit-sharing plans, mutual funds and insurance investments.

• Why is the New York Stock Exchange important to America?

• Can the average American invest in stocks and compete with millionaires and multimillion-dollar corporations?

To answer these questions, THE AMERICAN LEGION magazine sought out William H. Donaldson, chairman and chief executive officer of the NYSE.

Donaldson is the co-founder of the 10th largest U.S. banking firm, Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette, Inc. (DLJ), whose assets totaled some \$4.3 billion in 1973, when Mr. Donaldson left DLJ for government service. Donaldson



WILLIAM H. DONALDSON

served with the U.S. Marine Corps in the Far Eastern Theater and 20 years later was appointed Undersecretary of State by President Richard Nixon. Today, he is a Legionnaire at the helm of America's engine of capitalism.

**AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE:** When people hear "Wall Street" many think of greed or something that's bad for America. Is that a realistic characterization of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)?

**DONALDSON:** The NYSE is a place with strong beliefs in American values. When Army Gen. Colin Powell came to speak here after the Gulf War, trading halted and

he received a spontaneous ovation from the trading floor. This sense of pride in America is reflected in many ways. We have an enormous POW/MIA flag hanging in the center of the exchange floor, and we're very active in civic and charitable efforts.

Of course there is a strong profit motive, but I think you'll find that most people here are driven by a desire to do their jobs well and thus serve their customers as well as possible.

I know there are a lot of veterans — including myself — who work here, and this place is filled with love of country. As America celebrates Veterans Day this month, our organization will salute veterans, too. Among other things, we will have a moment of silence on the trading floor, as we do every year.

Those who equate capitalism with "greed is good" lack an understanding of three things — greed, good and capitalism. True capitalism has to do with meeting people's needs.

**Q.** What is the New York Stock Exchange?





**MONEY**—U.S. business grows by selling stock at markets such as the New York Stock Exchange.

**A.** The exchange is a tax-paying company with an obligation to invest all after-tax profits back into making the exchange better. We are owned by those who have purchased “seats” which today simply means the right to membership on the NYSE. When the NYSE was first started there were actual seats for each member.

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**Q.** Why is it important to America? What does it do?

**A.** It is the engine of capitalism in the sense that it is the world’s premiere money-raising mechanism for industry. Also, it is the reservoir for the savings of 51 million Americans who own stock directly and for 150 million Americans who either own stock directly or via pension funds, profit-sharing plans and insurance investments.

Eighty-six percent of the stock value in the United States is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. New list-

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### *William H. Donaldson On...*

**Individual Investors:** “Even though institutional investors own a growing amount of stock, individual investors — like you and me — still own half of the stock in the United States. That degree of individual stock ownership is unique to this country.”

**The market:** “It is the reservoir for the savings of 51 million Americans who own stock directly and for another 150 million Americans who either own stock directly or via pension funds, profit-sharing plans, mutual funds and insurance investments.”

**NYSE’s size:** “Eighty-six percent of the stock value in the United States is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. New listings on the NYSE accounted for \$8 out every \$10 worth of new stock issued by companies in the United States last year.”



# PROUD OF HOW I SERVED

By Boni Hamilton

**O**N INDEPENDENCE Day, 1991, my husband John hustled our two children, Nicki and Jamie, and me through the pre-parade crush in downtown Denver to prime viewing spots near the grandstand. I couldn't remember ever attending a Fourth of July parade; I knew the children never had. And I hadn't expected to push through crowds for this one either. But John, the crowd-hater, insisted.

For over two hours we stood and cheered each military group marching by. We ignored our sore feet, worsening sunburns and dry throats. Not until the last tank rolled past, the last soldier saluted, the last military band played its theme could we start for home.

On the way to our car, Jamie took her father's hand. "Why weren't you in the parade?" she asked. "I wanted to cheer for you."

"Oh, I could have marched," he answered, "but I needed just to be there. It was my way to say thanks."

For Jamie that was answer enough, but not for 10-year-old Nicki.

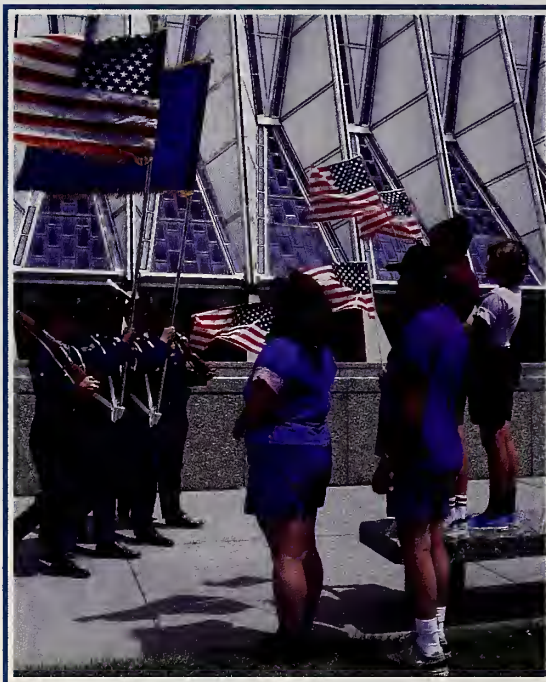
"Thanks? Who were you thanking? You were in a war, too."

"It's a long story, Nick."  
"Tell me."

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In 1969, America held a draft lot-

*Boni Hamilton, a freelance writer based in Littleton, Colo., won an award for citizenship, scholarship and leadership from Post 140 in Greenville, Pa., when she was in high school.*



*Twenty years after  
he came home from  
Thailand, John  
Hamilton finally  
accepts what he  
did, and what  
it meant.*

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tery. With a lottery number of 25, John couldn't have avoided the service, but he had already decided to enlist in the Air Force. Even a high draft number would not have changed that.

After two years of training, he ended up in Thailand. Officially, he was stationed at Udon Air Force Base to work on transport planes; covertly, he trained Royal Lao Air Force

mechanics to maintain their aircraft. He patched bullet-riddled fighter planes and approved them for flight. Then he watched the runs. Often he waited in vain for Lao Air Force pilots to return from their bombing runs.

And, like many Vietnam-era servicemen, gradually he "went native," withdrew from his American cohorts and lived among the Laotian and Thai peoples.

In 1973, he returned to the United States and started a business. Soon we renewed a dating relationship that had lapsed when he enlisted and I headed to college.

John and I had been close friends before we ever dated each other, and we eased into that intimacy once again. He was not the same lighthearted teen I'd known in high school,

but I assumed maturity had sobered him. His family worried that he was detached and alienated; I thought they resented his independence.

Eventually John and I married. We talked about so many things that I didn't notice he said little about his experiences in Thailand. I didn't find that unusual, because no veteran I knew talked willingly about any war.

Nor did I find it strange that John seemed less moved than I, when we went to the Vietnam War Memorial to make a rubbing of a classmate's name. I mourned the young men and women who would never see old age; he talked in low tones with the children about where the war had been and why people left tokens along The Wall.

Then, in January of 1991, America went to war again. John seemed obsessed with it. The TV, normally tucked in the basement, found a prominent place on our breakfast bar.





#### FREE AT LAST—

At a visit to the Air Force Academy, former airman Hamilton and his family bury the past.

Every minute John was home, the TV blared its war news. He bought a shortwave radio so that he could hear news reports in other countries. He studied the newspaper and subscribed to both *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines.

**T**HE WAR ended quickly, but not John's fascination. He devoured every printed word, followed every action.

I didn't understand his fascination, and circumstances—a family illness, some civic duties, and extended business trips—kept us from talking in depth about it in the way we normally would.

Then late in May, Nicki came home from school with the news that his teacher's son, Rick, who had served on the *USS Missouri* in the Persian Gulf, would visit the class.

"I'd like to meet him," John said. "Shake his hand."

But the day before Rick's arrival, John left for Washington, D.C., on a business trip.

"Will you tell Rick something for

me?" John asked me when he learned I'd be at the classroom during Rick's visit. "Will you just say thanks?"

I carried John's words, but I felt I had missed the message. He had a reason for his gratitude, something more to say. And I couldn't say it for him. Whatever the demon inside him, he needed to exorcise it himself.

John returned from Washington late that night. He was wrung out, worn. "I wish you'd been with me," he said. "I really needed a friend."

Not the typical response to a business trip.

"What happened?"

"After my meetings I went for a walk. I watched some men hang banners for a parade to welcome the Gulf soldiers home. Eventually, I ended up at The Wall. This time I made myself

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in 'Nam.**



find some buddies' names. And I grieved. It's hard to grieve alone."

I willed my voice to be steady, my tears to remain unshed. "Are you okay now?"

"Yeah. I feel like a burden's been lifted from me. Funny, I didn't know there was a burden 'til it was gone."

"I always thought that I'd cheated somehow, that going to Thailand was less

honorable than fighting in 'Nam.

"Then Nicki told us about Rick. On the ship, he probably didn't see any combat, but he was still essential. He's entitled to the honor, the thanks. In my case, I never called myself a Vietnam vet; I didn't think I qualified. But I fought the war, too. Now, I'm finally proud of what I did, of how I served."

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# DRILL TEAMS

## PRECISION IN MOTION



**AIR FORCE**

*Watching military drill teams perform can give you goose bumps of pride. They symbolize the teamwork and discipline that make our Armed Forces the best.*

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OU STAND absolutely still as a razor-sharp bayonet blade slices the air next to your ear, while the spinning rifle rotates mid-air into your hand. You show no fear and stand straight and silent, staring into another soldier's eyes. You show no emotion, as you grip and release the rifle like a machine.

A lot of effort just to exchange a rifle between two soldiers, but that's what it's like to perform the "meat-



**MARINES**

grinder," a test-of-faith maneuver for many military drill teams. Drill teams are an example of the leadership and teamwork that is necessary to win wars.

"Our drill team teaches us discipline, precision and the burdens of command," says Cadet First Class Chad Morris, commander of the U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet Honor

Guard. Morris, who wants to become a pilot after graduation, says that drill teams teach the life and death importance of accuracy.

In fact, military drill teams were formed in the 17th and 18th centuries for just that purpose.

There was a time when war had to be fought with the synchronized movements of drill teams. Before





assault rifles such as the U.S. M-16A1 and the Soviet AK-47, attacks had to be carefully orchestrated because muskets were difficult to load and fire. To advance, early armies needed a series of commands that could lead a unit of men through the arduous steps of loading, aiming and firing primitive firearms.

Today, since assault rifles allow

troops to advance at will using bursts of ammunition, drill teams now perform a more symbolic role.

"They symbolize duty, honor and country. They represent the teamwork, the commitment and the will to sacrifice that is so important under fire," says National Commander Bruce Thiesen.

Each service has a special drill

team that is the showpiece of their training and mission.

**Army.** The U.S. Army Drill Team, headquartered at Fort Myer, Va., has been one of the 3rd Infantry Division's renowned units for over 25 years. With bayonet-tipped 1903 Springfield rifles, they dazzle audiences with their routine. One test of bravery for the drill master is when he is surrounded by four soldiers tossing their bayoneted weapons above and around his head.

**Navy.** The U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard Drill Team uses the standard M-1 rifle with fixed bayonet in its demonstrations. Based at Anacostia Naval Station in Washington, D.C., the drill team is often sent to represent the Navy in presidential and joint Armed Forces ceremonies. Says their insignia: "We Serve With Honor & Pride To Achieve Excellence."

**Air Force.** "To Honor With Dignity" is the motto of the U.S. Air Force Presidential Honor Guard Drill Team, which performs its complex drill routines with the bayoneted M-1 rifle. Stationed at Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C., the drill team is credited with recruiting large numbers of people into the Air Force.

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**GRIM SIGHT—**  
Charley  
Deterding visits  
his submerged  
home near  
Prairie du  
Rocher, Ill.

# HIGH WATER

## AND MUTUAL HELPFULNESS

*After the Great Flood of '93, Legionnaires throughout the country again are providing crucial aid to those in need.*

**A**S AUTUMN settled into the water-weary Midwest and the media camera crews had gone home, victims of the Great Flood of '93—with the help of Legionnaires throughout the country—began the long hard task of putting the pieces of their lives back together again.

Residents of towns such as St. Genevieve, Mo., and Valmeyer, Ill., rummaged through their soaked homes and tried to assess the enormous damage from the muddy waters. The flood, described by experts as occurring once in every 500 years, left

in its wake 45 dead, more than \$10 billion in property damage and tens of thousands homeless.

The rampaging waters swept into 10 states, covering a heart-shaped part of the nation's heartland that stretched 500 miles wide and 600 miles long. Army engineers calculated that up to 10 times the normal rainfall soaked eight states for two months, immersing 13.5 million acres of land, bursting federal levees in 12 places and private levees in about 800 spots.

Although Congress approved a multi-billion dollar aid package for the flood victims, the burden of cleanup and recovery rests with states, local governments, private charities and the victims themselves. Here is where the Legion stepped in.

From across the nation, Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and Sons of The American Legion provided truckload after truckload of supplies and donated tens of thousands of dollars in aid to flood victims.

"Some of our people have been telling us that when they go to the Red Cross for a pair of shoes, they get a voucher. When they come to The American Legion, they get a pair of shoes," says Commander Jim Paul of Post 312, the center of relief efforts in





#### EMPTY PLATES—

Judy Plate of St. Charles, Mo., salvages some plates and light bulbs from her flooded home.

PHOTOS BY JOHN SIMON

St. Charles, Mo.

In small towns along the miles of overflowing rivers, Legionnaires flexed their arms and bent their backs to fill and stack sandbags in efforts to tame the relentless tide.

Some of the Legionnaires stood knee-deep in water placing sandbags on the last levee that stood between the river and the town of Prairie du

Rocher, Ill.

"The river was slapping us in the face," says Jack Laurent, a member of the town's Post 622. "They gave us two minutes to get off the levee because it was ready to go. But everyone stayed."

Post 622 Auxiliary members filled and tied off sandbags until their fin-

gers blistered. Then they taped their fingers together and kept on bagging. And the levee held.

As the flood reached its crest in late July and early August, Legionnaires quickly opened their Posts to house the homeless and provide meals to relief workers. In St. Genevieve, Mo., Post 150 became the command

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## POST PARTNERS

**T**he American Legion Post Partnership, a new program created in the flood's aftermath, is designed for Posts to help one another in times of disaster. By becoming a Post Partner, your Post, District or Department can provide emergency assistance.

"We appreciate what other Legionnaires are doing for us," says Department of Iowa Adjutant James E. Demarest.

For information on what Posts need help and how to form a Post Partnership, call Joe Posato or Wayne Vanover at National Headquarters, (317) 635-8411. □



#### ACTION—Illinois

Department Cmdr. Art Rawers discusses relief efforts with a National Guardsman.



## VA MUST SHARE MEDICAL INFORMATION

**V**ETERANS who have had their claims denied because the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) used one-sided medical references to support its decisions may now have grounds to reopen their cases.

The Court of Veterans Appeals (CVA) has ruled that BVA can no longer determine the fate of a veteran's claim without sharing all the information it has on the case with the veteran before it makes a final decision.

BVA practice in the past, according to Ron Abrams of the National Veterans Legal Services Project, has been to cite only those medical references that would assure denial of the claim, even though other references would support the veteran's case. Now, because of

the ruling, if one medical reference says an injury cannot be caused by a fall, but another says it can, the BVA cannot hide the information favoring the veteran.

Abrams told American Legion Service Officers attending Service Officers School in Indianapolis last July that this is not an issue of VA regulations, but a violation of constitutional law in the matter of due process. He instructed Service Officers to refile veterans claims they believed may have been denied due process.

The recent CVA decision in *Thurber vs. Brown* has generated much concern within VA. Members of VA's General Counsel staff urged Secretary Jesse Brown to appeal the decision, and Brown called a meeting of veterans' service organizations to

ask them to support VA if it appealed *Thurber*.

During that meeting, John Hanson, director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, told the VA representative, "If VA is asking The American Legion to endorse a policy that hides information from a veteran, then you have wasted my time and there is no more to discuss. The American Legion will never tolerate an action that is detrimental to veterans."

The next morning, Secretary Brown announced VA would not appeal the ruling.

Veterans who believe the BVA may have withheld information concerning their claim should contact their nearest American Legion Department Service Officer.

### Benefits SNAFU

Hundreds of Air Force Reservists and Air National Guardsmen may not have been informed they were eligible for several benefits when they were involuntarily separated from the service after Oct. 1, 1991.

The Air Force is attempting to locate Air Guardsmen and Reservists with between eight and 15 years of service who were released without being told they were eligible for transition benefits, including separation pay, commissary and exchange benefits, and education assistance funds.

TSgt. Lyn Willequer of the Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver said letters are being sent to all Reservists and Guardsmen who can be located. Willequer said, however, that many personnel records are stored in government warehouses and that many addresses the Air Force has are out of date.

For further information, contact: HQ, ARPC/PA, 6760 E. Irvington Place #5400, Denver, CO 80280 or phone (800) 525-0102, ext. 246.

### VA University

Borrowing a management tool from McDonald's restaurants, VA has created the Veterans Benefits Academy

(VBA) in Baltimore where its employees can receive training in their jobs.

According to VBA director John Cole, the goal of the program is to provide uniform training for all areas of VA, from claims rating to home loan guarantees. He said VA's old practice of providing on-the-job training locally for new employees was not cost-effective, and what's worse, resulted in a VA system that lacked standardization and uniformity.

As a result of local interpretations, for instance, a claim processed in Reno might be denied while a similar case in Des Moines would be approved.

In its pursuit of consistency, VA has assigned experts to teach the VBA classes, which also are available for recently promoted supervisors as well as new employees.

Since the training academy began in June 1992, more than 2,500 VA employees have completed the course of instruction.

### West Virginia Bonus

West Virginia veterans who served during Lebanon, Grenada or Panama and veterans of the Gulf War may be eligible for a state bonus. The veterans must have received the Armed Forces

Expeditionary Medal or the Southwest Asia Medal, or must have served on active duty during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Also eligible are survivors of those veterans.

To be eligible, the veterans also had to be West Virginia residents for at least six months immediately before entering the service. The bonus is \$500 for veterans who saw service in-country and \$300 for those who served elsewhere during those periods. To apply or receive more information, write: Mitchell Shupp, West Virginia Bonus Office, 1339A Plaza East, Charleston, WV 25301-1400, or call (304) 558-1520.

### VA Courtesy Program

If you are finding more caring and courteous employees during your visits to VA facilities these days, it may be because of the department's new program, "VA—Putting Veterans First." The program is designed to make the 250,000 VA employees aware of the need to show courtesy and respect during their day-to-day dealings with veterans.

VA says the program should cut down on patient and customer complaints and also help VA become more efficient and productive. □



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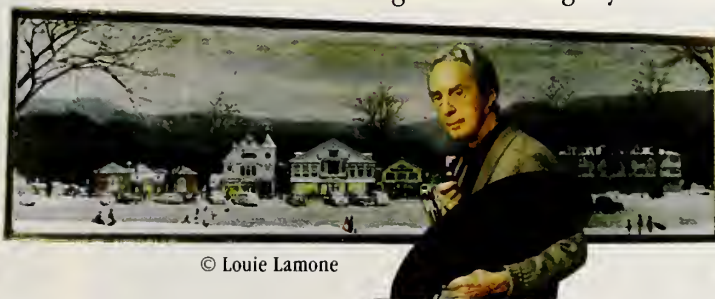
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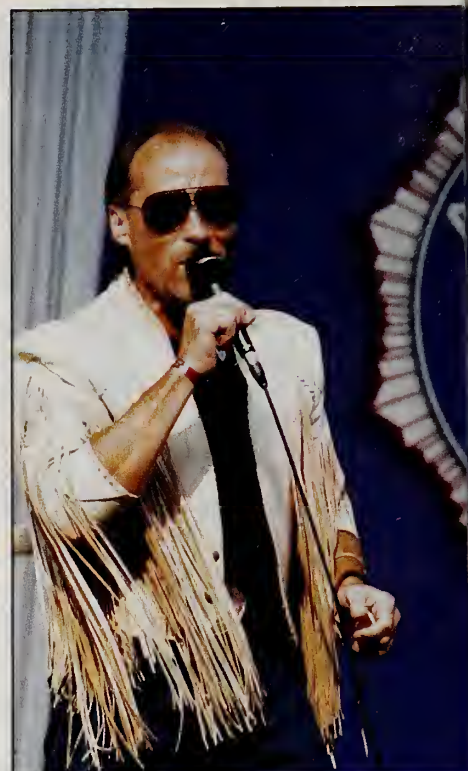
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**THREE RIVERS FIRST**—Pittsburgh hosted a Legion National Convention for the first time this past summer.



**FESTIVE FESTIVAL**—With his patriotic tunes brought cheers and even a few tears to some

## REPORT FROM

# PITTSBURGH

*The 75th anniversary of the Legion begins with a reaffirmation of American values and with Legionnaires donating more than \$128,000 for Midwest flood victims.*

**I**'M PROUD to be an American where at least I know I'm free..."\*

The soundtrack for the 1993 American Legion National Convention could easily have come from Lee Greenwood's song, "God Bless the U.S.A."

Delegates to the 75th National Convention in Pittsburgh began the year-long celebration of the Legion's

Diamond Jubilee by fervently reaffirming their belief in America and The American Legion.

That patriotic zeal was never more evident than in the Americanism Commission's report to the convention. Legionnaires applauded and cheered several times during the reading of the America-affirming report.

One of the cheers was for Res. 257, which calls for ending the U.S. government policy that allows former Iraqi POWs and their families to settle



**CHALLENGES**—Nat'l. Cmdr. Roger A. Munson commends Legionnaires for helping their comrades in need.

in the United States with refugee status. The day after Legion delegates unanimously approved the resolution, Rep. Cliff Stearns of Florida introduced a similar resolution in Congress. (For a complete list of resolutions passed at the 75th National Convention, see Page 56.)

"The American Legion has enjoyed a position of renewed influence, with





Lee "God Bless the U.S.A." Greenwood 5,000 enthusiastic Festival-goers.



TRUE COLORS—Legionnaires from the Department of Maryland march as part of the parade, which included bands, color guards and flags of all colors.

our voice being heard and listened to both at the White House and on Capitol Hill, as well as in many state legislatures," National Commander Roger A. Munson told the 3,473 delegates.

In another all-American gesture, delegates unanimously approved a resolution to support a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag from desecration. Delegates from 33 states sported buttons saying "We

Passed The Flag Resolution," and those Departments had red ribbons placed on their convention floor placards to proclaim their success.

*"I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me..."*

Much of the convention's business dealt with veterans issues as a new administration initiated its policies.

In a voice made raspy by a year of speaking out for The American Legion, National Commander Munson reported to the delegates how the Legion helped the Clinton administration mold its veterans' health-care policies.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Jesse Brown also stressed the Legion's influence in shaping veterans benefits when he



MARCHING ORDER—Ohio greets Munson during the four-hour parade.



SIGNED UP—National Commander Munson recruited the members of the Army band, The Volunteers, into the Legion after their performance at the Festival.

PHOTOS BY JOHN E. SIMON AND GARY DIABATOLMEIO





**ROLLIN' ON THE RIVERS**—Cruising the three rivers as a reward for winning the Race to Pittsburgh were representatives from Departments that reached 103 percent of their membership goals or all-time membership highs.



**DINING AND DANCING**—Race to Pittsburgh winners enjoy a buffet dinner hosted by National Commander Munson. Later they danced the night away as the Three Rivers City skyline slipped into the twilight.



**ADMIRAL AWARD**—"Admiral" Roger A. Munson presents National Vice Commander Robert E. "Jack" David an award to the Southern Region for having the highest percentage growth of all five regions.

took the podium to address the convention.

"You can be assured that The American Legion will be right there at the table — helping me to find, and to make, the right decisions," Brown said.

Brown commended the Legion for its initiative and lobbying efforts to create the Agent Orange registry to catalog Vietnam veterans' ailments related to the herbicide. He said the registry will help get veterans compensation on ailments that were recently deemed service-connected.

Brown also told the delegates he would try to reform eligibility to get more veterans treated at VA facilities. "We are going to put veterans first; that is why as part of health-care reform, we are pushing for access to comprehensive care for all eligible veterans at all of our clinics and hospitals.

"And by the way — no more talk of nonveterans in VA hospitals," Brown said to the applause of the convention audience.

Brown, renewing a promise President Clinton gave delegates the previous year at the 74th National Convention in Chicago, pledged to be a secretary for veterans affairs, not of veterans affairs. "I intend to issue a wake-up call by recognizing the problems we have right now and facing up to them. That is what it takes to put veterans first."

During his speech, Brown announced his proposal for a National Homeless Summit in which VA, the Legion and other veterans' service organizations would work together to help the homeless. "It is outrageous to see men and women who once proudly wore the uniform of their country now sleeping on the streets," he said.

Brown said VA is planning to strengthen VA care for women veterans by providing comprehensive health-care centers. He said VA also has taken several steps to find answers to the mystery illnesses of Desert Storm veterans. Those steps include starting a registry; providing treatment; establishing referral centers for difficult cases; forming a blue-ribbon advisory panel; and commissioning independent researchers to get objective scientific answers to the problem.

Other speakers at the convention also voiced their concern about veterans' health care. Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania said he has done everything he can in Congress to maintain



VA's budget.

"What is being given to veterans is no gift, grant or form of gratitude," said Specter, a Korean War veteran and member of Philadelphia Post 120. "It is something that is earned and owed by the United States of America to those who have risked life and limb so we can enjoy freedom in the greatest country in the world."

Pennsylvania's other senator, Harris Wofford, a member of Post 943, Bryn Mawr, Pa., greeted Legionnaires with a "WWII Army salute" and a tribute to their service. "The American Legion is testimony to the fact that once you serve your country, you're more likely to serve again," said Wofford.

Also helping to keep the veteran's contributions to the country before the public eye is Army Lt. Gen. Claude M. Kicklighter, executive director of the WWII Commemorative Committee. Kicklighter says that the Department of Defense (DoD) plans to commemorate the 50th anniversary of World War II by including every Legion Post and Department.

"We are asking communities, military installations and organizations to form committees and plan three or more events each year through 1995 to thank and honor our veterans and encourage the study of this history in our schools. They will then be officially designated a WWII commemorative community," Kicklighter said.

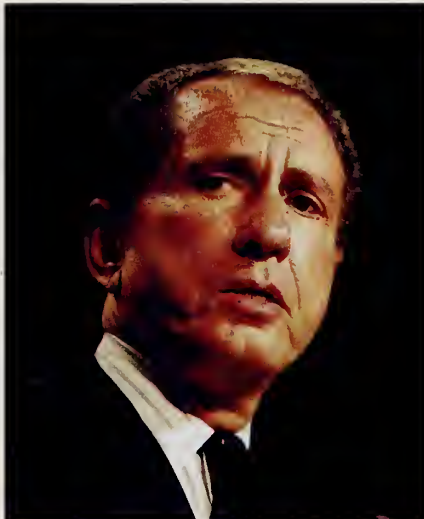
He said hundreds of Legion Posts are already involved in the program and have been recognized as WWII



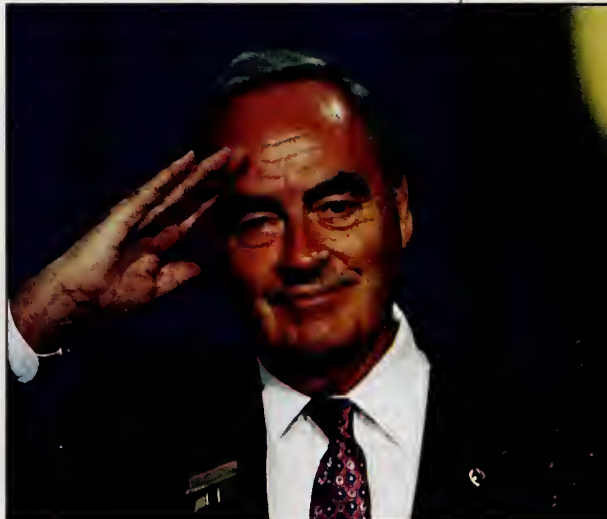
**BY VETERANS, FOR VETERANS**—Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown pledged to keep veterans first at VA. He announced plans to form a working group from VA and veterans' organizations to help the nation's homeless.



**DEFENDER**—Air Force Gen. Charles A. Horner, head of the U.S. Space Command, said America must remember the lessons of previous wars.



**BUDGETING FOR BENEFITS**—Sen. Arlen Specter said veterans' benefits are earned and are a way for the country to thank those who fought for freedom.



**SALUTE TO SERVICE**—Sen. Harris Wofford gives Legion delegates a "WWII Army salute" and thanked Legionnaires for their service to the country.





**SPANNING AMERICA**—Backstage at the Festival, Munson greets singer Lee Greenwood. During his Festival performance, Greenwood gratefully accepted dozens of Department pins.



**FOURTH ESTATE AWARD**—Fortune magazine won this year's Fourth Estate Award for its special "Children in Crisis" issue. From left, Public Relations Commission Chairman Thomas C. Kouyeas; Fortune magazine executive editor Ann Morrison; and Munson.

commemorative communities.

Kicklighter also called on the delegates to help locate the 35,000 WWI veterans who are still alive. He said Legionnaires should encourage these veterans to apply for the 75th WWI Anniversary Medal. "This is truly our nation's last opportunity to properly thank and honor them," Kicklighter said. Application blanks for the WWI medals are available at local VA offices by calling (800) 827-1000 or by writing: WWI Commemorative Medal Request, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 27720,

Washington, DC 20038-7720.

*"I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today..."*

"I hope to be around for a while longer to serve the United States and mankind," said 96-year-old WWI veteran Andrew York of Clairton, Pa., who is a 72-year member of The American Legion and was one of three WWI veterans attending the convention. The other WWI veterans in Pittsburgh were Francis W. LaRocco of White Plains, N.Y., and Anthony J.

Sunseri of Pittsburgh.

Expressing the same desire to serve their nation, and keep America strong, were the convention delegates who passed many national defense resolutions.

Air Force Gen. Charles Horner, commander of the U.S. Space Command, told delegates that "the Cold War is over, but we must remember the lessons of World War II, Korea and not send our troops into combat ill-prepared." Horner, a member of Post 211 of Denver, Colo., said, "We went into battle with understandable,

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**BUICK DONATION**—Buick, the official car of the 1993 National Convention, donated a 1994 LeSabre for Midwest flood relief. Chances for the car raised more than \$21,000.



**DRUM ROLL, PLEASE**—National Commander Munson pulls out the winning ticket for the 1994 Buick LeSabre. The \$23,000 automobile went to Frank Cofsky of Post 106, Sharon, Mass. The proceeds of the drawing went to the National Emergency Fund.





**ALL AMERICANS**—The Department of Ohio won the William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy. From left, Dept. Cmdr. Donald C. Ertmann; Dept. Americanism chairman Mel Chapman; Past Dept. Cmdr. Tom Jakmides; Otto Wick, publisher of the Midland Daily News; and Munson.



**PAR FOR PALMER**—Arnold Palmer receives the 1993 Good Guy Award from the Past Department Commander's Club. From left, Munson; Palmer; PNC Dale Renaud; and club president Bob Tart.

achievable goals and that's why we were victorious." Horner organized the air operations during the Persian Gulf War.

Air Force Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway, chief of the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C., told delegates another reason for Desert Storm's success was America's citizen-soldiers. In addition to being a back-up to the active military, the National Guard performs other valuable duties, Conaway said.

The Legion stood up for another group of war veterans—American

POW/MIAs. At a press conference, John F. Sommer Jr., executive director of the Legion's Washington office, told reporters The American Legion is opposed to lifting the trade embargo on Vietnam "until a full accounting of the 2,252 POW/MIAs has been made. Right now, Vietnam is a long way from a full accounting."

National Commander Munson sent Sommer to Vietnam last summer with a joint government and veterans' organization delegation led by VA deputy secretary Hershel Gober. "According to the evidence, we believe there's a

good possibility that there are living U.S. prisoners in Vietnam, Laos and Russia," Sommer said.

The U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Winston Lord, told the convention delegates that the government is "on target" in its plan to disclose secret POW/MIA information by Nov. 11. According to Lord, there are more than 500 people working on the POW/MIA issue full time, and the government is spending about \$100 million a year to resolve the POW/MIA issue.



**THAT'S THE TICKET**—George E. Green, manager of sales promotion, Buick Motor Division, reads the winning ticket for the 1994 Buick LeSabre.



**FOR THOSE LEFT BEHIND**—PNC Robert S. Turner (left) and Foreign Relations Commission Chairman Daniel Ludwig honor U.S. POW/MIAs.



**MEMORIAL SERVICE**—American Legion and Auxiliary national officers remember and honor the sacrifices of those who served America.





**TINY TALENT**—All ages marched in the mile-long Legion parade.

"This administration is firmly committed to finding the answers about our fighting men who never came home," Lord said. He said the United States has been making progress with Korea, China, Russia and Vietnam to find answers about U.S. POW/MIAs.

At a POW/MIA forum before the convention, researcher Stephen J. Morris explained how a Soviet document he uncovered told of North Vietnamese plans to hold U.S. POWs after the war ended. Morris found the document while in Russia researching files previously kept secret by the KGB. Also at the forum was retired Army Maj. Gen. Bernard Loeffke, former director of



**UP BEAT**—More than 80 units strutted before the thousands of spectators who lined Pittsburgh's downtown streets on a glorious Sunday afternoon.

Task Force Russia, which coordinates the exchange of POW/ MIA information with the Russians. Loeffke demonstrated how the task force dealt with its Russian counterparts.

*"'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land..."*

Legionnaires' love of America and their eagerness to help others in need was graphically demonstrated by their contributions of more than \$128,000 to the National Emergency Fund (NEF) made at the convention. The money helps victims of the Midwest flooding. One after the other, Legion-

naires from Departments and Posts lined up to present donations to National Commander Munson.

Another \$21,344 was raised through the sale of tickets for a drawing for a 1994 Buick LeSabre. The Buick Motor Division of General Motors donated the car to raise money for the NEF.

Just as the Departments answered the challenge to help flood victims during the convention, they also accepted the challenge of National Commander Munson to join him in a membership Race to Pittsburgh. After months of hectic recruiting, the race concluded with a relaxing cruise along



**TEXAS' BEST**—Premiere the bull accompanies the Department of Texas.



**MOBILE MEMORIES**—The Department of Georgia brought its version of The Wall to the parade. It lists all those from Georgia who died in the Vietnam War.





**GREAT OLD GLORY**—Department of Pennsylvania Legionnaires proudly sport the Red, White and Blue in their home state.



**NATIONAL PRIDE**—With a flag from every state sewn into one huge flag, Department of Florida Legionnaires show their spirit.



**BAND STAND**—After its parade performance, the Post 156 Band, Waltham, Mass., played in the lobby of the Vista hotel for hours.

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**OATH OF OFFICE**—PNC John H. Geiger of Illinois (right) administers the oath of office to newly elected National Commander Bruce Thiesen.



**COMMANDER'S PIN**—Thiesen's wife, Graetian, places the National Commander's lapel pin on her husband after his election.



**THE LEGION FIRST FAMILY**—From left, son-in-law Kirk; daughter Dianne; father Albert; son Kevin; mother Ethel; daughter Sheryl; wife Graetian; and Thiesen.

Pittsburgh's three rivers for those Departments that achieved 103 percent of their membership goals or all-time membership highs.

"Admiral" Munson piloted the three-hour dining and dancing riverboat excursion, hosting representatives from the winning Departments. They were Idaho, Mexico, Colorado, Vermont, Connecticut, South Dakota, Montana, West Virginia, Alaska, Ohio and Virginia. Seven other Departments also earned passage by attaining all-time membership highs. The Departments were Florida, Delaware, Arizona, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan and New Mexico. Alaska, Ohio and Vermont achieved both 103 percent of their membership goals and attained all-time membership highs.

The view of the Pittsburgh skyline from a riverboat and the city's fine dining, no doubt, attracted many Legionnaires to the convention, but the main reason they were in town was to conduct the business of The American Legion.

Delegates to the convention approved 75 resolutions, including Res. 1, which will increase the annual per-member national dues to \$9 from \$5.50, effective Jan. 10, 1994.

"The Legion has long exercised prudent fiscal management, has invested wisely and has developed innovative programs to raise new revenue for the organization," National Commander Munson said. "It just hasn't been enough to offset inflation and the everyday costs of doing business."



**COMMITMENT**—"The country needs us," Thiesen tells Legionnaires.





**PARADE OF SUPPORT**—In electing Thiesen, delegates chose their fourth Vietnam-era National Commander.

### "God Bless the U.S.A."

As the National Convention convened in Pittsburgh for the first time in the Legion's history, it became the largest convention the Three Rivers City hosted this year. Pittsburgh businesses were happy to see 20,000 Legionnaires and their families, including the thousands who marched through the downtown streets in the parade. More than 80 units, including bands, baton twirlers and even a bull named Premiere from Texas strutted up the mile-long route.

The next day, at the convention Festival, Legionnaires got a glimpse of everything that is Pittsburgh. To the south towered Mt. Washington. From the north, they could feel the cool air of the Monongahela River and hear the hum of cars crossing one of the city's trademark bridges. And behind the main festival stage was the panorama of the city's skyline.

Festival headliner Lee Greenwood provided more than an hour's worth of songs, including the much-anticipated, audience-pleasing "God Bless the U.S.A." He talked and joked with the audience and throughout the performance accepted Department pins from dozens of Legionnaires.

### AWARDS, HONORS, PRIZES

Golf legend Arnold Palmer received the Good Guy Award from the Past Department Commander's Club. Palmer, 63, a member of Post



**PARTNERS IN PATRIOTISM**—New National Commander Bruce Thiesen of California and newly elected National Auxiliary President Helen Holcomb of Texas will share the leadership of the Legion family in 1993-94.

515 of LaTrobe, Pa., is a Korean War veteran who served in the Coast Guard. "I truly thank you for this award, and I can't leave here without knowing that America is full of good guys," Palmer said.

Winning the Legion's Fourth Estate Award was *Fortune* magazine for its special issue on America's youth, "Children In Crisis." Accepting for the magazine was executive editor Ann M. Morrison, who coordinated the issue.

Department service award winners were:

- Florida, which received the William F. Lenker National Service

Trophy for service to veterans affairs and rehabilitation in the state;

- Ohio, the William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy for outstanding Americanism activities;

- Washington, the Frank N. Belgrano Jr. Trophy for outstanding support of the state's Boys Scout program;

- West Virginia, the Ralph T. O'Neil Education Trophy for the Legion's school medal program; and

- Ohio, the Garland Murphy Award for contributions to the Child Welfare Foundation.

Individual award winners were:

- Joseph "Joe" Chilelli of Post 790, West Covina, Calif., who received the



**NEW NATIONAL VICE COMMANDERS**—From left, Douglas A. Mason of Utah; John J. Mulkern of Massachusetts; Thiesen; K.W. Ohl of Indiana; Juan H. Cintron of Puerto Rico; and Curtis O. Twete of North Dakota.





**YOUTH CHAMPIONS**—From left, Scout of the Year Kevin Ude; Boys Nation President Daryl Collins; Oratorical Champion Cedric Lewis Ollison; and Junior Shooting Sports Champion Michael Douglass.



**VOICES FROM WWII**—Munson receives the August royalty check from George Schnitzer Jr., center, publisher of VOICES: Letters from WWII. Author Ken Scharnberg, right, was at convention to autograph copies of the book.



**MIGHTY MEMBERSHIP**—Eleven Departments were honored for reaching 103 percent of their membership goals. The Department representatives, from left, were: Clark Ferris, Vt.; Byron Elkins, Mexico; Munson; Don Gunderson, Idaho; Joseph Ross, Colo.; Charlie Brown, Mont.; Thomas Jakmides, Ohio; Richard Hovorka, S.D.; Lew Waller, Conn.; Glenwood Burton, W.Va.; William Weber, Alaska.

Recruiter of the Year Award for the second year in a row. This year he recruited 836 members;

- The Laborers' International Union of North America, which received a plaque in recognition of its outstanding efforts to promote employment for veterans. Accepting the award was Arthur Coia, the union's general president.

- Abe's Plumbing of Las Vegas, Nev., the Employer of the Year Award for companies with 50 or fewer employees, for hiring veterans;

- Sirco Manufacturing of Missoula, Mont., the Employer of the Year Award for companies with 51-200 employees, for hiring veterans; and

- Bath Iron Works Corporation of Bath, Maine, the Employer of the Year Award for companies with more than 200 employees, for hiring veterans.

During the convention, some of the Legion's corporate partners conducted drawings for thousands of dollars worth of prizes. The prizes and the winners were:

- A 1994 Buick LeSabre, donated by Buick to raise money for the National Emergency Fund and valued at \$23,000, was won by Frank Cofsky of Post 106, Sharon, Mass.;

- An all-expenses-paid Caribbean cruise for two, donated by the Hartford Holidays travel agency, Great Neck, N.Y., won by Jim and Mary Hanselman of Post 180, Hamersville, Ohio;

- A \$2,500 certificate of deposit, donated by MBNA America bank, Newark, N.J., was won by Elaine C. Blouin of Auxiliary Unit 21, Bath, Maine; and

- Three diamond bracelets, valued at \$1,000 each, donated by Kay Jewelers for the Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation Fighting Blindness. The winners were: Harry Poper, Hudson, N.H.; Betty Brennan, Schaumburg, Ill.; and Ruth Briggs, Tracy, Calif.

## PASSING THE GAVEL

As Munson accepted his colors of outgoing National Commander, he thanked all the convention delegates "particularly the Department of Ohio," his vice commanders and his wife, Jane. The National Vice Commanders presented Munson with a "Race to Pittsburgh" painting depicting the riverboat cruise. Munson's year as National Commander ended as it had





**SPELLBINDING SONG**—Thiesen's daughter Dianne sings "Wind Beneath My Wings" in honor of her mother and father.



**ON THE MARK**—Political satirist Mark Russell pulled no punches at the National Commander's Banquet.

began—with a prayer from his daughter, Judith Schwanz.

Convention delegates then went about the task of selecting a new National Commander to lead the Legion during its Diamond Jubilee year.

After the nominations and a parade around the convention floor to the tune of "California Here I Come," the delegates' choice was clearly Bruce Thiesen of California.

A Legionnaire for 27 years, Thiesen is a member of Post 191 of Kingsburg, Calif. He is a Vietnam Army veteran and becomes the fourth Vietnam-era veteran to serve as National Commander.

Thiesen is married to Graetian Thiesen, an American Legion Auxiliary member since birth. The Thiesens have three children: daughters Dianne and Sheryl — both members of Auxiliary Unit 191 — and son Kevin, a member of Sons of the American Legion Squadron 147. Thiesen works at Gary Pitts Farms Inc., a vineyard in Fowler, Calif.

"I'm a farmer from California," Thiesen told delegates in his acceptance speech. "I earn my living by being out in the field. Well, that's what I intend to do as your National Commander — work in the field among you as much as possible to keep building this great organization of ours and continue all the great things we do for our country and our fellow citizens."

Thiesen challenged Legionnaires to make a commitment to contribute to

the fabric of America by participating in Legion programs.

"The country needs us—not just the veterans, not just the children—the entire nation needs The American Legion," Thiesen said.

Also elected were National Vice Commanders Curtis O. Twete, McVie, N.D.; John Mulkern, Dorchester, Mass.; Kenneth W. Ohl, Lafayette, Ind.; Juan H. Cintron, Ponce, Puerto Rico; and Douglas A. Mason, Layton, Utah.

National Commander Thiesen appointed Monsignor Raymond J. Kozlowski of Buffalo, N.Y., as the National Chaplain; Marjorie T. Simpson, Atlanta, the National Historian;

Frank M. Ortiz, Covina, Calif., the National Sergeant-At-Arms; and George Sinopoli, Fresno, Calif., as his Aide. (See Page 54 for more about the national officers.)

Reappointed national officers were National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan; National Judge Advocate Philip B. Onderdonk of Maryland; and National Treasurer Webber LaGrange of Indiana. □

By T. Douglas Donaldson

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**BACK TO A BLUE CAP**—PNC James M. Wagonseller (right) returns Munson to blue cap status at the Post-Convention NEC meeting.



# HIGHLIGHTS

**REINVENTING VA:** Just two days before Vice President Al Gore announced the administration's plans for reinventing government, VA Deputy Secretary Hershel Gober told Legionnaires that VA also must reinvent itself. "VA will die if it's left alone. Period," Gober said during the VA&R Commission meeting.



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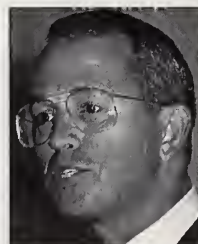
"The system is not efficient. We must think of innovative ways to change it. We have doctors filling out reports instead of seeing veterans, and that's wrong," he said.

Gober reassured VA&R Commission members that while there may be some changes in VA, there are no plans to allow nonveterans to be treated in VA facilities. "Until every veteran has access to VA hospitals, we shouldn't even think of any other uses," Gober said.

Gober, who was the Department of Arkansas adjutant before working for VA, didn't read his prepared speech. Instead he talked off the cuff with his fellow Legionnaires.

"We're just VA's stewards for the next 7½ years," Gober joked with the audience. "Maybe another eight if Hillary gets elected."

**THE APPEALS MAZE:** Balancing a compact disk (CD) on his finger, Charles L. Cragin, chairman of the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA), emphasized that computer technology will speed up the VA claims process. At the VA&R Commission meeting, Cragin showed Legionnaires a CD that can contain the same amount of information as 200,000 pieces of paper and can be read by specially

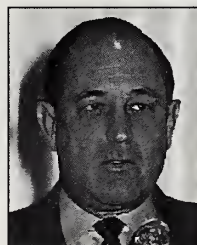


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equipped personal computers. Disks containing all BVA decisions are being shipped out to VA regional offices so they can have complete information.

Cragin credited The American Legion with helping veterans through the appeals process, noting that 20 percent of veterans with appeals are represented by the Legion. Cragin also reported that the number of pending cases continues to increase. He said the BVA needs more members to decrease the response time. "We have to figure out how to make this train run better without spending more money," Cragin said.

**VETERANS' COURT:** Donald Ivers, a judge of the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals (COVA) and a Boys State graduate, told Legionnaires at the VA&R Commission meeting: "[The court] is bringing about meaningful change in the VA benefits program." Ivers said there have been some short-term growing pains after the creation of the court, but he expects it will prove to be an effective and efficient veterans' claims service.



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**LEGAL EAGLE:** Mary Lou Keener, VA general counsel, credited the Legion with helping Vietnam veterans affected by Agent Orange. "You can be proud that you have been a leading advocate of Agent Orange compensation," she told Legionnaires at the VA&R Commission meeting.

Kenner also said Court of Veteran Appeals (COVA) decisions are requiring her and her staff of 400 attorneys to "perform at a higher level." While praising the advent of judicial



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review as a benefit for veterans, Kenner also admitted: "Our budget has not kept pace with the demands of the new court." She said there are more than 1,600 veterans' cases pending before COVA.

**GULF WAR, OTHER ILLS:** Many of the 8,000 claims for Desert Storm mystery ailments are being treated at the VA regional office in Louisville, Ky., according to John Vogel, the VA deputy under secretary for benefits. Speaking at the VA&R Commission meeting, Vogel also said new regulations on Agent Orange will be published soon. "Veterans who are on the Agent Orange registry and who had claims previously turned down, will be eligible as new conditions related to Agent Orange are added to the list.



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"The problem with VA is poor service, the symptom is long delays," Vogel said, blaming the military downsizing and the additional adjudication of claims for the delays. "Dealing with the Court of Veterans Appeals' decisions is the largest problem faced."

Vogel said about 9,000 more disability recipients come on the rolls every month. He said he and his staff are conducting a pilot program to reduce time by getting records directly from the Army. If the program is successful, he expects to expand it to include other branches of the service. Vogel said he is working toward the goal of adjudicating original compensation and pension cases within 106 days.

**HEALTHY REFORM:** VA has played, and will continue to play, a major role in health-care reform, C. Wayne Hawkins, VA's deputy undersecretary for health, told the VA&R Commission.

Giving those attending the commission meeting a glimpse of the adminis-

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# The Secret of Building a POWERFUL MEMORY

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**I**ts a real tragedy. So many people seem to grow older instead of staying young.

My brother Jim and his petite wife Nancy worked hard and saved up for years for early retirement. Their dream was to see the U.S.A. from the big windows of their own RV vehicle. This modest and generous couple even joined a vacation club and made short trips with friends for some months before retirement.

Finally the big day arrived. Jim and Nancy packed the RV with six months of provisions and dropped by to say good-bye to my wife and I, and our kids, before embarking on the well-earned adventure they had been planning for, it now seemed, as long as I could remember.

As soon as they sat down at the kitchen table, I noticed at once Jim seemed tired and drowsy. Even during the excitement, I saw he really seemed exhausted. Did you get enough sleep last night?, I asked. Whats that?, he replied confusedly. Im afraid Jim hasnt been hearing too well, Nancy confided. The doctor says its poor circulation. And its causing other problems for him. His memory loss is most noticeable. And he gets a ringing in his ears; I see his eyesight failing. Together with a heart problem he suffered two years ago, Im concerned with his allergies which act up all the time now. Weve dreamed and worked so hard for this trip its a shame Jim is so out of it.

Where did I put my road map, Nancy?, Jim asked. Honey, dont you remember you put it under the drivers seat where youd be sure to find it. She gave me a tearful look of worry.

I confess I was worried about them as they took off. And I didnt stop worrying as I read the postcards they sent from various stops along the way. About a week into the trip Nancy wrote to say they were thinking about giving it up and returning home because of Jims declining health. Then, mysteriously, the postcards stopped coming.

Six weeks later I received a postcard from the West Coast. Our apologies, it began, weve been having too much fun to write. Hope the kids are fine. Were going to add on another leg. See you in six weeks.

I was stunned. What could have

changed so drastically? My answer came when Nancy and Jim pulled into the driveway six weeks to the day after I received that hurried card. Jim leapt from the drivers seat and shook my hand with such a strong grip that I almost went to my knees. His boyhood grin was back. Jims eyes sparkled and he looked lean and strong; well-rested and healthy.

Whats going on with you two?, I asked Nancy behind his back. You are just about to hear all about it, she replied.

As we poured coffee and gathered around the kitchen table again, the story came out. Nancy and Jim had stopped at KOAs and state park campgrounds along the way, meeting other travelers and vacationers. They got to know one very interesting couple during one of their stops an author specializing in medical subjects and his beautiful Oriental wife. While somewhat older than Nancy and Jim, the four became immediate friends. During their first evening together, Jim and Nancy learned about the authors latest work *GINGKO/The Anti-Aging Nutrient You Can Use*. During that evening they also discovered the key to restoring Jims healthy life back to him.

Ginkgo Biloba, they learned, is the oldest tree on earth a survivor of the Ice Age. Its indigenous to China but now decorates streets and boulevards all over the world. It is totally resistant to blight and pollution; its leaves are a food substance which provide treatment for a remarkable host of ailments, particularly those of circulatory problems which afflict middle-aged and older people.

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That friendship was the beginning of a living miracle for my Jim, Nancy told us. Our new friends had several copies of the book, so we bought one. They had also found a place where they could buy Ginkgo Biloba extract. You see, finding bona fide Ginkgo Biloba in stores can be difficult. Although sales in Europe now total up to \$500 million a year, making it perhaps the leading

prescribed medicine there, you cant find it just everywhere in the U.S. And, when you do, you have to be very careful to get the standardized 24% extract. The WorldLife Company has it. Heres the address: Dept. AL11G, P.O. Box 30665, Albuquerque, NM 87190. Nancy says they were going to be at the campground for a couple of weeks, so they called WorldLife at 1 (800) 451-2194 to ask them if they took Mastercard/Visa. They said sure, so Nancy ordered Jim a 30-day supply for only \$15.95, plus \$3.00 delivery.

After Jim had been taking the extract their friends left them, for about six weeks, he was a new man. His memory loss had been reversed; his dizziness gone. Jims mind is sharp again, and hes much more sociable. Youll find in the book that Ginkgo is easily digested, so it enters the bloodstream quickly. Three tablets a day keep the blood levels just right. And, unlike the blood thinners and other man-made drugs Jim had taken for his circulation, Ginkgo Biloba doesnt merely increase circulation in one part of the body by stealing blood from the other parts. It **NORMALIZES** blood flow throughout the body.

There is only one problem with this Ginkgo stuff, Jim grinned with a twinkle in his eye. It makes me feel so young that I end up chasing Nancy around the bedroom. And the one in our camper is too small. So, were trading for a bigger RV and hitting the road again next weekend.

Well, needless to say, I was overwhelmed by the changes in my brother Jim. And I want to share this electrifying news with as many people as I can. I contacted the author of the powerful little book *GINGKO/The Anti-Aging Nutrient You Can Use* and put him together with my friends at American Surveys. The rest is history. Today you can send for a copy for yourself at low cost.

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tration's health-care plan, Hawkins said, "Veterans will have a choice of where they receive their health care, but VA will remain an independent agency and will work to provide more access to veterans."

Hawkins also said VA could lose as much as 50 percent of its patients under the reform, but he said he is optimistic and believes VA will retain its patients by being competitive. "It's not our intent to downsize anything," Hawkins said. He said VA is looking at increasing the number of community-based clinics to provide more access to veterans, and to offer more outpatient treatment, instead of waiting for veterans to become hospitalized before they can receive care.

**VA CEMETERIES:** "The number of veterans we will be able to serve will be higher, and we will manage space better," Jerry Bowen, director of the National Cemetery System (NCS), promised Legionnaires attending the VA&R Commission meeting.

Bowen said his agency is preparing for the impending demand for burial space by WWII veterans. Out of the 114 national cemeteries in 48 states, only 59 are active and can accept new families to be buried, he said. However, NCS plans to open five new national cemeteries in the next five years to offset the closings of seven cemeteries in the coming year.

**YOUTH LEADERS:** The youth champions attending the National Convention thanked the Legion for its programs and said the Legion has changed their lives for the better.

"The Daryl Collins that started Boys Nation is not the same Daryl Collins that finished it," said Boys Nation President Daryl Collins of Spring, Texas. "Boys Nation gave me the desire to give back to this country."

The American Legion Scout of the Year, Kevin M. Ude of Pulaski, Tenn., thanked convention delegates and said, "You have done so much to provide

goals and activities for young people."

"Anyone can line up a shot and squeeze a trigger, but only The American Legion can give young people the chance to succeed in shooting sports," said Michael Douglass of Beach Park, Ill., the Legion's Junior Shooting Sports National Champion.

Cedric L. Ollison of Quitman, Ga., The American Legion Oratorical Contest winner, read a poem titled, "Thank You," in appreciation to the Legion.

American Legion Baseball Player of the Year, David Lamb of Newbury Park, Calif., could not attend the convention because he was playing AA baseball for the Baltimore Orioles.

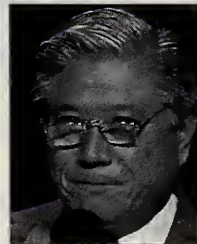
**GOVERNMENT DOWNSIZING:** As private employers reduce their payrolls, the government will, too, according to Ed McHugh, special assistant for Veterans Employment at the Office of Personnel Management. "We anticipate there will be 150,000 fewer federal jobs in addition to civil service jobs lost because of military downsizing," he told the Economic Commission. McHugh said the administration plans to reduce the federal work force by offering early retirement bonuses to certain employees.

**ALLIED VETS:** Keeping peace throughout the world and securing veterans benefits are themes not only expressed by the Legion, but by other veterans organizations worldwide.

"Democratic reform is making progress in Korea," said Gen. Joon-Yeol So, ROKA, Ret., president of the Korean Veterans Association. "This would not have happened without you." He also warned the United States to continue to monitor North Korea's acquisition of nuclear technology.

Gen. Chou Shin-pin, chairman of the Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen, Republic of China, said the United States should continue its active role in world affairs. "Much has changed with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, and together we face global and regional problems," Shin-pin said.

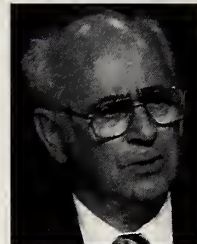
J.W. "Jack" Jolleys, Dominion President of the Royal Canadian Legion, told convention delegates his organization is fighting the same battle for veterans benefits as The American Legion



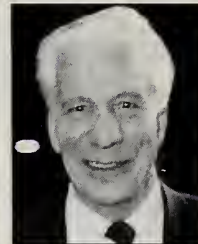
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is. "Benefits are the hard-earned rights of a nation's veterans," Jolleys said. "We must look to the future and see what our organizations can do to safeguard benefits for veterans."

To honor National Commander Roger A. Munson, J.R. "Jerry" Montsion, Dominion President of the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada, sang "Home on the Range" and presented Munson with a buffalo statue.

**FIGHT FOR SIGHT:** The Legion-RP Kellogg's coupon campaign to raise money to fight blindness and help America's youth was a big success, according to Gordon Gund, president of the Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation Fighting Blindness.

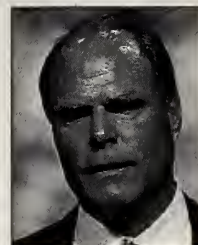
"How do I spell success? I spell success The American Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion," Gund told convention delegates. "The campaign to fight blindness was unprecedented. We had highly motivated, disciplined volunteers. This was the Legion family. The RP Foundation could not have had a more committed partner. Together we will win this fight against blindness."

Legion volunteers distributed Kellogg's cereal coupons to more than 50

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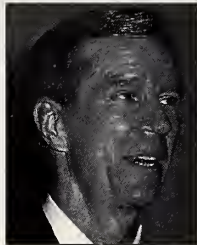
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million shoppers at supermarkets in 48 states last June. For every store-day (two people working 7-hour shifts), Kellogg's donated money to the RP Foundation Fighting Blindness and The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation.

**SPECIAL FORCES:** U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF) must adjust to changing circumstances in an unstable world no less dangerous since the end of the Cold War. That's what Rear Adm. Irve C. LeMoyné, a former Navy SEAL, told a joint meeting of the National Security and Foreign Relations commissions.



LEMOYNE

"We know the world is changing, we just wish we knew how and when it was changing. Our forces are better today, better equipped and more ready than ever before," said LeMoyné, the SOF deputy commander-in-chief and chief of staff. "From tranquil peace to all-out war, we are heavily engaged. SOF are a cocked pistol available to be used." LeMoyné said 47,000 personnel serve in SOF, which was created by Congress in 1986.

**INVASION:** "Immigration is threatening America's sovereignty and security," John Vinson, president of the American Immigration Control Foundation, told the Americanism Commission. "America is no longer a frontier, and we don't need as many immigrants, especially unskilled ones."

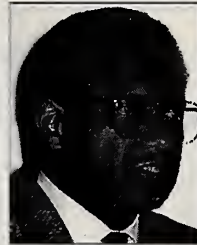


VINSON

Vinson said that 900,000 legal immigrants per year and about 300,000 illegal immigrants are too many for the United States to absorb. He offered steps to solve America's immigration problem: send U.S. troops to the border to back up border patrols; double the size of the border patrol; empower state and local law officials to arrest illegal aliens; end "automatic" American citizenship to

children of illegals; end asylum for economic refugees; and cut legal immigration to 200,000 people per year.

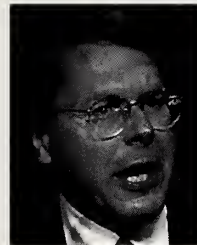
**MILITARY CUTS:** Speaking before the National Security and Foreign Relations commissions, Edward Dorn, assistant secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, defended the continued downsizing of the U.S. military as both an economic necessity and a realistic response to the nation's revised defense strategy.



DORN

"Right now, we have the best equipped military in the world, and the Clinton administration intends to keep it that way," he said. "The military is drawing down, but we're still taking in 200,000 young men and women a year — 180,000 enlisted and 20,000 officers."

**GUNS & JUSTICE:** "We need to enforce the laws that are on the books, not make new gun-control laws," said Wayne LaPierre, Executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association of America (NRA). "The justice system enforces negative behavior because we can't get felons with guns in prison."

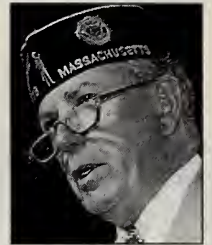


LAPIERRE

"The whole system is a joke and the criminals know it," LaPierre said. "I'm proud to fight along with The American Legion to defend the Bill of Rights."

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** "I fail to see us wanting to be a nation under God," said National Chaplain Rev. James R. Wagner during the convention's Patriotic Religious Service. "We need to balance pride with humility. There are times when pride is in order. Those times are rare." Wagner urged Legionnaires to be humble before God and try to keep America strong through faith and prayer. He said more people should work to make our nation whole.

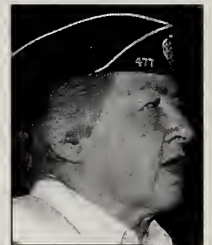
**MEMORIALS UPDATE:** Legionnaires are the largest group of donors to the Korean War Memorial, reported John P. "Jake" Comer, Past National Commander and member of the Korean War Memorial Advisory Committee. Convention delegates applauded Comer's announcement that enough funds had been



COMER



CARLSON EVANS



VAUGHT

raised to complete the memorial. He said construction of the memorial is on schedule for the planned July 27, 1995 dedication. Comer also urged Legionnaires to continue to contribute to the memorial's maintenance fund.

"We have become a formidable team," Diane Carlson Evans said, referring to the support given by the Legion to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project. Carlson Evans also lauded the Legion and Auxiliary for being the only veterans organizations who attended the memorial's groundbreaking in May.

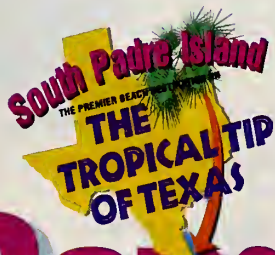
She said the memorial still needs to raise \$650,000. "The hard facts are that we need your help to pay for the remaining costs," she said. "Once you see the memorial on the mall in Washington, D.C., you will be very proud that you made this happen."

Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, USAF (Ret.), President of the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation Inc., told Legionnaires about a 94-year-old WWI woman who wanted the memories of her service preserved. "That woman carried her dog tags in her purse for 75 years," said Vaught. "She did not want her service forgotten, and the memorial will ensure that hers, and all other women veter-

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ans' memories are preserved."

Vaught thanked Legionnaires and Legion Posts for contributions to the memorial and urged the delegates to continue their donations.

**MS. PRESIDENT:** "The future of both our organizations lies in recruiting a diverse membership enthusiastic about promoting our programs," National Auxiliary President Linda Boone told Legionnaires at the convention. Boone reported that the Auxiliary, while falling short of its membership goal, did sign up 5,000 more members than the previous year. The Auxiliary closed its 1993 membership books with 972,913 members.



BOONE

She also said the Auxiliary raised \$20 million and worked 10 million volunteer hours to help 4 million veterans. Boone worked to raise awareness about the nation's homeless. And the Auxiliary gave almost \$1 million and 1.5 million volunteer hours to help homeless veterans.

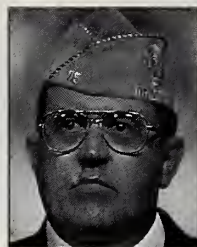
**BEATING THE BAND:** The American Legion Band of the Tonawandas, Post 264 of Tonawanda, N.Y., won the convention's Senior Band competition. Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284 of Joliet, Ill., finished second; Jack Buckner Greater Kansas City American Legion Band, Kansas City, Mo., placed third; and Stephen Sikora Post 1322 American Legion Band of North Tonawanda, N.Y., finished fourth.

**TRUE COLORS:** This year, the color guard competition was divided into three categories. Finishing first in the Military Class Color Guard competition and earning the distinction of becoming the official color guard of the National Commander was the Speedway Post 500 Honor Guard of Speedway, Ind. Pure Heaven Color Guard, Auxiliary Unit 37 of Ames, Iowa, placed first in the Military Class Open category. Conn-Weissenberger Glass City Guardsmen, Post 587 of Toledo, Ohio, finished first in the Open Class.

**SAL:** "My wife and I are dedicated to the Legion family and to the memory of our fathers and grandfathers who served to keep America free," said Roland D. Matteson, the newly elected commander of the Sons of The American Legion.

A member of Squadron 75 of Phoenix, Ariz., Matteson has served as SAL National Chaplain and was a member of the Arizona Detachment Executive Committee.

Matteson, a Vietnam Navy veteran, is also a member of Legion Post 75. He became eligible for SAL through his grandfather, Ben Rhodes, a WWI Marine Corps veteran.



MATTESON

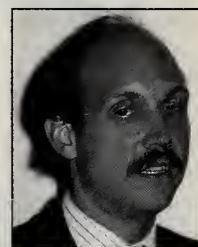
**FOUNDERS:** Although none of the remaining six American Legion founders could attend the historic 75th National Convention, Vahan Dukmejian, National President of the Society of American Legion Founders, sent their greetings in a letter. The letter—read by the society's secretary Earl Cocke—said, in part: "We are soon to vanish. There is no other way. The American Legion will continue to recruit new members. I and my fellow founders are proud of this organization."

**BONDING:** "Every time bonds are purchased, you're helping your families and you're helping this country," said Sally Spencer, of the Department of Treasury. Spencer told the Economic Commission that U.S. Savings Bonds are still a good deal and that many Americans are buying bonds to finance their children's education. In 1992, bonds sales were \$13.6 billion; this year the sales have already exceeded \$16 billion.

**JOBS FOR VETS:** During the Economic Commission meeting, Jeffrey Crandall, acting assistant labor secretary of veterans' employment and training, reported the progress of the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) and other veterans employment programs. He said job

training programs for veterans, such as TAP, are now operating at more than 200 military installations in 44 states, training 145,000 veterans each year. "TAP alumni get jobs, on the average, three weeks sooner than those separating who didn't go through the program," Crandall said.

**AID TO PEACE:** "We spent trillions of dollars to win the Cold War. We must not lose the peace," said William C. Danvers, an advisor to Secretary of State Warren Christopher. At a joint session of the National Security and Foreign Relations commissions, Danvers said America would pay a crushing price if it failed to encourage the "second Russian Revolution" of the 20th century.



DANVERS

**FOUR CHAPLAINS:** Edward Dionne remembers the dull thump of the torpedo against the hull of the *USAT Dorchester*, which sank in the icy North



ROBERTS AND DIONNE

Atlantic waters more than 50 years ago. "I have to do something to repay them for their sacrifice," said Dionne, who manned a convention booth honoring the four chaplains who gave up their lifejackets and lives so other passengers might live. "Why should I be one of the ones to live? Why should I be so lucky? I owe something to somebody."

Like Dionne, The American Legion throughout the years has honored the four chaplains' unselfish actions. During the convention, acting senior chaplain of the Chapel of Four Chaplains, Col. Archie Roberts, presented National Commander Munson with the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Bronze Medallion. □



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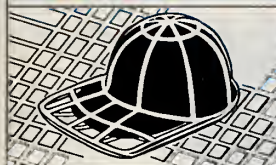
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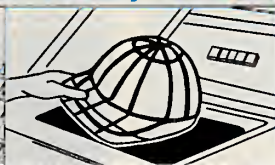


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# NATIONAL OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENTS

## NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



**John J. Mulkern**  
West Roxbury,  
Mass.

**J**ohn J. Mulkern of West Roxbury, Mass., joined The American Legion in 1953. Over the past 40 years, he's served as Post, District and Department Commander and as Massachusetts National Executive Committeeman. Mulkern is the chief supervisor of heating and ventilation for all Boston schools. He says one of his proudest accomplishments was helping to raise \$89,000 when he was chairman for the Homeless Veterans Fund in Boston.

He helped found a Boys Club in his community and raised funds to keep it going. "I spent 19 years as a representative from my Post on the Boys Club committee. I think Boys and Girls Clubs are an asset to the community and a natural for the Legion to get involved in," he says.

The 65-year-old Navy veteran and his wife, Frances, have four children and seven grandchildren. His area of membership responsibilities is the Northeast Region.

## NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



**Juan H. Cintron**  
Ponce, P.R.

**J**uan H. Cintron, 74, is a member of the Pedro J. Parra Post 56 in his hometown of Ponce, P.R. During

WWII he was a member of the 501st MP Battalion and later retired with the rank of colonel from the Puerto Rican National Guard in 1984. In addition to his work on the Legion's Foreign Relations Committee and the "Ad Hoc" Disaster Committee, Cintron served four years as mayor of Ponce and two terms as Puerto Rico's Secretary of Commerce.

He founded Post 153 in San Juan, recruiting all its members from scratch without the help of transfers. Since joining the Legion in 1946, Cintron has signed up more than 2,000 new members.

"The American Legion has ample opportunities for recruiting new members," says Cintron, who has the Southern Region as his membership responsibility. He and his wife, Elba, an Army nurse during WWII, have four children, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



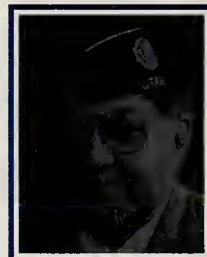
**Curtis O. Twete**  
McVile, N.D.

**C**urtis O. Twete, 49, already knows what to expect as a national officer, having served as aide to National Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke in 1988-89. Today, the McVile, N.D., resident owns and operates three Case/IH implement dealerships and is well known in his Midwest Region area of responsibility.

He has served Ole Semling Post 135 as Adjutant and as Boys State and Legislative chairman, and he was a member of the National Foreign Relations Committee.

"One of my goals is to get departments in states that have not passed memorializing resolutions to protect the flag to pressure their state legislators," says Twete, a Navy veteran. Twete and his wife, Judy, have four children and one grandchild.

## NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



**Douglas A. Mason**  
Layton, Utah

**D**ouglas A. Mason, a member of Post 87, Layton, Utah, is a 56-year-old Navy retiree with three children and nine grandchildren.

He was recruited into the Legion through the Direct Membership Solicitation program. "I was a member of another veterans' organization, but they were very cliquish and I never really felt welcome there," Mason says. "I passed a Legion Post every day on my way to work. When I received the DMS card in my mail, I filled it out and joined. From the first moment I stepped into that Post, I was made to feel at home," he says.

Mason has held almost every office in his Post and has been the Department Commander of Utah. His interest in youth, extending to his service on the Boys State Executive Committee, has never waned. Mason says one of his proudest moments was seeing all the red-ribbon "just say no" pins on nearly every Legionnaire when he was raising funds for the Utah Drug Free Youth program.

Mason, a plant safety director for Aero Tech Manufacturing, is responsible for Legion membership in the Western Region.



## NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER



**K.W. Ohl**  
Lafayette, Ind.

**K**.W. Ohl, 70, is retired after 41 years with Alcoa. But he has served The American Legion even longer—43 years. He and his wife, Mick, live in Lafayette, Ind. They have one daughter and one grandchild.

Ohl has held many posts in his Post, District and Department, including a term as Department Commander. In addition, he has served on a number of national committees, including the National Legislative Council and the Internal Affairs Commission's Membership and Post Activities Committee. Despite his many Legion commitments, he still finds time to serve his community as a precinct committeeman.

Ohl was drawn to the Legion because of its many programs and lobbying efforts on behalf of veterans.

"My father came home disabled from World War I," Ohl says. "I witnessed first hand the need for VA and the lack of interest in veterans from our Congress."

Ohl, who does volunteer work for VA hospitals and the Indiana Children's Home, says, "Children and veterans both need to know someone cares." His membership responsibility is the Central Region.

## NATIONAL HISTORIAN



**Marjorie T. Simpson**  
Atlanta, Ga.

**M**arjorie T. Simpson, 70, calls Post 1 in Atlanta home.

Simpson has been the Department Senior Vice Commander and also a member of the National Economic Commission's Veterans' Preference

Committee.

She joined the Legion because her father was a WWI veteran and a past Post Commander. "If I hadn't joined, I would have been ousted from the family," she says.

Simpson, a former WAVE in the Navy, has been Department Treasurer for the past five years.

She has one son and works for Kelgo International, Inc. She has had the same boss for 32 years.

## NATIONAL SERGEANT-AT-ARMS



**Frank M. Ortiz**  
Covina, Calif.

**F**rank M. Ortiz of Covina, Calif., is a member of Los Angeles

Police Post 381. The 60-year-old Army veteran and his wife, Dorothy, have four children. Ortiz worked 31 years as an automotive and motorcycle mechanic for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). His Legion activities include serving as Adjutant for the famed Los Angeles Police Motorcycle Drill Team. Though the drill team is made up of LAPD officers, Post 381 supplies the uniforms and flags, and sponsors the team. Ortiz also was a member of the National Military Affairs Committee.

Ortiz, who has served as Commander of both his Post and District, says, "The Legion works not only for its members, but also for the community, state and nation."

## NATIONAL CHAPLAIN



**Monsignor Raymond J. Kozlowski**  
Buffalo, N.Y.

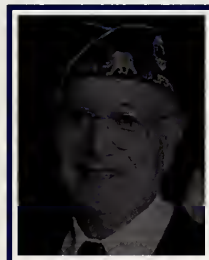
**M**onsignor Raymond J. Kozlowski, 60,

has served the spiritual needs of the Buffalo, N.Y., area for 32 years. He

has been Chaplain for Adam Plewacki Post 799 and also has filled Chaplain duties at the County, District and Department level. A Korean War veteran, Kozlowski was an Air Force engine mechanic for B-26 bombers and later served in the Army Reserve as chaplain for the 338th General Hospital Unit.

In addition to his Legion duties, Kozlowski has performed community service with the Erie County Youth Board and the City of Buffalo Planning Committee. He also was director of the Hospital Ministry in the Buffalo Diocese, Chief of Chaplain Service at the Buffalo VA Medical Center and administrator of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

## AIDE TO THE COMMANDER



**George G. Sinopoli**  
Fresno, Calif.

**G**eorge G. Sinopoli of Fresno, Calif., has served the Legion

for 44 years, most recently as Vice Chairman of the Magazine Commission. He will travel with National Commander Bruce Thiesen for the next year, looking after the Commander's needs.

"I've known Bruce for more than 20 years," says the 75-year-old Army Air Corps veteran. "He served as my Vice Commander when I was California's Department Commander. I think Legionnaires have elected an excellent man for their National Commander."

Sinopoli, who was a pilot with the Troop Carrier Command during World War II, says he is especially looking forward to traveling with Thiesen to Normandy to commemorate the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Sinopoli was also Commissioner of the California Department of Veterans Affairs under governors Pat Brown, Ronald Reagan and Jerry Brown. He and his wife, Mary, were married in 1941 and have two children and four grandchildren, including twin two-year-old granddaughters. He is a member of Post 594 in Fresno. □



# 75TH National Convention Adopts 75 Resolutions

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## AMERICANISM

**Gary W. Sammons (Mich.), Chairman**

- Res. 50 (Mont.) Calls on The American Legion to send copies of The U.S. Flag Code and the brochure, "Let's Be Right On Flag Etiquette" to the U.S. Olympic Training Center.
- Res. 104 (Iowa) Urges Legionnaires to educate Americans about the Holocaust to counteract false propaganda of neo-Nazis and other groups.
- Res. 135 (Texas) Asks Legionnaires at all levels to ensure the media is aware that the proper program name is not Boys State or Boys Nation, but The American Legion Boys State and The American Legion Boys Nation.
- Res. 159 (Conn.) Establishes an American Legion "Veteran of the Month" program to honor deceased veterans.
- Res. 181 (Miss.) Supports changing P.L. 94-344 to require the display of the American flag at proper times and places.
- Res. 207 (Md.) Urges legislation to posthumously award the Medal of Honor to the four chaplains who died Feb. 3, 1943.
- Res. 208 (Md.) Calls for a constitutional amendment to prevent desecration of the U.S. Flag.
- Res. 213 (Calif.) Opposes the invasion of illegal immigrants into the United States.
- Res. 246 (Ala.) Opposes placing symbols and artifacts in the Chapel of Four Chaplains by groups other than those of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths.
- Res. 254 (Comm.) Supports the requirement that English be used in all U.S. citizenship naturalization ceremonies.
- Res. 257 (Comm.) Calls for terminating the U.S. policy of granting U.S. refugee status and resettlement assistance to former Iraqi POWs and their families.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Eugene V. Lindquist (Minn.), Chairman**

- Res. 99 (P.I.) Urges Congress to amend P.L. 97-359 to provide benefits for Amerasian children in the Philippines.

## CONVENTION FINANCE

**George W. Boucek (Ill.), Chairman**

- Res. 1 (NEC) Increases the National Per Capita Dues of The American Legion to \$9.

## ECONOMIC

**Joseph J. Frank (Mo.), Chairman**

- Res. 36 (Vt.) Urges Congress to provide funds to assist veteran-owned businesses affected by base closures.
- Res. 39 (Utah) Calls for amending Title 38, USC, to improve re-employment and other rights for veterans.
- Res. 61 (D.C.) Supports the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA).
- Res. 73 (Ohio) Urges Congress to provide unemployment compensation and UCX benefits for those released from military service.
- Res. 116 (Wis.) Seeks funding and reauthorization of the VA small-business loan program for disabled Vietnam and post-Vietnam veterans.
- Res. 163 (Mo.) Calls for free, fair and open competition in the high technology, financial services and information services marketplaces.
- Res. 229 (Okla.) Supports legislation to repeal laws that permit employers to withhold listing job openings that pay more than \$25,000 in conjunction with the Veterans Affirmative Action program.
- Res. 244 (Ala.) Urges legislation that would require federally funded state agencies to list job openings with the State Employment Service.
- Res. 256 (Comm.) Opposes the disestablishment of the Veterans' Employment and Training Service.

## FOREIGN RELATIONS

**Daniel A. Ludwig (Minn.), Chairman**

- Res. 15 (Neb.) Supports the establishment of a U.S. PDW/MIA Commission.
- Res. 64 (N.M.) Seeks monetary compensation from the Japanese government for U.S. POWs of the Japanese or their survivors.
- Res. 118 (Minn.) Calls for the U.S. government to apply pressure on Iran to cease its aggression and terrorist action in the Persian Gulf.
- Res. 120 (Minn.) Urges Congress to limit Japan's car exports to the United States, unless Japan reduces its trade surplus with the United States.
- Res. 121 (Minn.) Outlines priority actions the U.S. government should take in regard to POWs/MIAs.
- Res. 122 (Minn.) Calls for American Legion assistance to POW/MIA families by assuring the U.S. government provides all information pertaining to the POW/MIA situation in Southeast Asia.
- Res. 126 (Texas) Urges the U.S. government to adopt the policy of hiring U.S. citizens and corporations to support military forces and other government agencies overseas.
- Res. 168 (Alaska) Seeks increased military aid and assistance to the Republic of Korea.
- Res. 169 (Alaska) Supports the peaceful reunification of China and the return of the Republic of China as the sole legal government.
- Res. 171 (Alaska) Encourages Congress to adopt legislation that would allow Alaskan oil to be exported directly to the Orient.
- Res. 201 (Md.) Outlines the Legion's belief that the objective of U.S. foreign policy should be to maintain peace while preserving and promoting democracy through application of 12 principles.
- Res. 202 (Md.) Outlines the Legion's policy on Panama and the operation, maintenance and use of the Panama Canal.
- Res. 221 (Ark.) Encourages the U.S. Government to extend aid and assistance to the former Soviet Union and urges the former Soviet Union to increase its cooperation on the PDW/MIA issue.
- Res. 222 (Ark.) Urges the administration to continue seeking effective, equitable and efficient UN operations consistent with the UN charter.
- Res. 255 (Comm.) Supports the nonprofit organization, Viet-Nam Assistance for the Handicapped, in its efforts to obtain prosthetic devices for ARVN troops who lost limbs in the Vietnam War.

## INTERNAL AFFAIRS

**Herman G. Harrington (N.Y.), Chairman**

- Res. 155 (Ind.) Supports legislation that would designate PDW/MIA memorial highways from Houlton, Maine, and Key West, Fla., to Bellingham, Wash., and San Diego.
- Res. 249 (Comm.) Urges the U.S. Postal Service to issue a POW/MIA stamp.
- Res. 50 (Comm.) Extends American Legion appreciation to Pittsburgh as the host site of the 75th American Legion National Convention.

## NATIONAL SECURITY

**William O. Moore Jr. (Ky.), Chairman**

- Res. 23 (Colo.) Supports approved construction at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center.
- Res. 54 (Utah) Urges Congress to amend the IRS Code to allow tax deductions and exclusions for active duty officers and members of the Reserve and National Guard.
- Res. 57 (D.C.) Calls for Congress and the administration to maintain viable force levels of the National Guard and Reserves as part of the Total Force Policy.
- Res. 58 (D.C.) Urges Congress and the administration to exercise caution in downsizing the Armed Forces.
- Res. 59 (D.C.) Supports the JCS recommendation for consolidation of certain U.S. military commands to conserve resources and increase efficiency.

- Res. 62 (D.C.) Urges the establishment of the U.S. Army Reserve Command as a major Army command reporting directly to the Chief of Staff of the Army.
- Res. 170 (Alaska) Opposes placing U.S. military forces under foreign command unless approved by Congress.
- Res. 186 (Md.) Supports DoD pilot programs for disbursement of medical prescriptions for Medicare-eligible military retirees who reside near closing military bases.
- Res. 187 (Md.) Urges retention of the Selective Service Registration Program.
- Res. 188 (Md.) Calls for Congress to provide necessary funding to increase U.S. military airlift and sealift capabilities.
- Res. 189 (Md.) Supports increased military pay and allowances for the Armed Forces as recruiting and retention incentives.
- Res. 195 (Md.) Supports funding for the modernization of the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps.
- Res. 196 (Md.) Reaffirms the Legion's support of the DoD ban on homosexuals serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Res. 199 (Md.) Supports specific goals and policies of the National Space Program.
- Res. 203 (Md.) Calls on Congress to ensure that military retirees and their survivors receive CDLAs equal to that of Social Security recipients.
- Res. 251 (Comm.) Supports funding of military health-care services for Medicare-eligible military retirees, their dependents and survivors at DoD medical facilities.
- Res. 252 (Comm.) Supports modernization of the National Guard and Reserves.
- Res. 253 (Comm.) Supports necessary funding for training, education and welfare of U.S. Navy, Marines and Coast Guard personnel.
- Res. 258 (Alaska) Recommends that an American Legion National Law Officer of the Year program be established.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

**Chester F. Stellar (Ohio), Chairman**

- Res. 2 (N.D.) Reaffirms and outlines The American Legion Proposal on Veterans Health Care.
- Res. 3 (N.D.) Outlines The American Legion policy in support of VA medical care for Desert Storm troops.
- Res. 4 (N.D.) Supports the Desert Storm Servicepersons' Readjustment Act to provide benefits equal to those received by other veterans of previous wars.
- Res. 5 (N.D.) Urges the President and Congress to restore veterans benefits that were eliminated or reduced by the 1990 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA).
- Res. 9 (Mass.) Encourages VA to continue evaluating claims based on sound and scientific principles, and rule in favor of veterans when reasonable doubt occurs.
- Res. 13 (Mass.) Supports reduction of disability requirements for VA pensions and seeks presumption of permanent and total disability at age 65.
- Res. 14 (Mass.) Requests that the Schedule for Rating Disabilities be amended to include ototoxicity from medications known to cause tinnitus.
- Res. 41 (Utah) Supports legislation to extend National Service Plan benefits to all honorably discharged veterans and to members of the Reserves and National Guard.
- Res. 43 (Utah) Opposes government plans to bill third parties, primarily private insurers, for VA medical treatment of veterans with service-connected disabilities.
- Res. 67 (Ariz.) Supports due process in VA home loan guaranty entitlement.
- Res. 95 (Ill.) Requests VA to establish an additional cemetery site in northern Illinois to take care of the 1 million veterans in the area.
- Res. 137 (S.D.) Opposes any legislation that would tax veterans' service-connected compensation benefits.
- Res. 210 (Va.) Reaffirms The American Legion policy on Agent Orange.
- Res. 216 (Va.) Urges Congress to provide a special pension for World War I veterans.
- Res. 217 (Va.) Calls for increasing the disability and death pensions for veterans and surviving spouses.
- Res. 218 (Va.) Supports an increase in disability compensation rates.

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2nd Engr. Amph. Spt. Cmnd. (1950-65) #13168

2nd Inf. Div., 9th Inf. Rgt., B Co. #10260

2nd Station Hospital WWII #20384

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3rd FA Tng. Bn., E Btry. (Fl.Sill FARTC 1952) #20575

3rd Inf. Div. Western Region Assn. #16410

4th Arm'd Div. Arty., 126th Ord. #13202

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4th Arm'd Div. Arty., 16th AFA, 1st Bty. #13195

4th Arm'd Div. Arty., 195th AAA #13200

4th Arm'd Div. Arty., 197th AFA #13201

4th Arm'd Div. Arty. 22nd AFA, 1st Bty. #13196

4th Arm'd Div. Arty., 66th AFA, 1st Bty. #13197

4th Arm'd Div. Arty., 78th AFA, 2nd Bty. #13198

4th Arm'd Div. Arty., 94th AFA, 2nd Bty. #13199

4th Arm'd Div. Arty. Reunion #13152

4th Missile Bn., 28th Arty. #22133

5th Army Association (WWII) #13073

5th Rgt., 20th Bn., Co.A (TDRTC Ft Meade, MD 1943/44) #11283

7th Inf. Div. Assn. (Final Salute to Ft. Ord) #16219

8th Inf. Div., 13th Rgt., Cannon Co. (WWII) #13031

8th Inf. Div., 13th Rgt., D Co. (WWII) #14780

8th Inf. Div., 39th Rgt., 1st Bn., C Co. (Germany 1968/70) #14711

9th Inf. Div. "Riverine", 2nd Bde., 31st Rgt., 6th Bn. (Vietnam) #11585

9th Inf. Div. "Riverine", 2nd Bde., 39th Rgt., 3rd Bn. (Vietnam) #13165

9th Inf. Div. "Riverine", 2nd Bde., 39th Rgt., 4th Bn. (Vietnam) #13203

9th Inf. Div. "Riverine", 2nd Bde., 47th Rgt., 4th Bn. (Vietnam) #13205

9th Inf. Div. "Riverine", 2nd Bde., 47th Rgt., 3rd Bn. (Vietnam) #13204

9th Inf. Div. "Riverine", 2nd Bde., 60th Rgt., 3rd Bn. (Vietnam) #13206

9th Inf. Div. "Riverine", 2nd Bde., 60th Rgt., 5th Bn. (Vietnam) #13207

9th Ord. Bn., Special Weapons Support #15585

10th Mtn. Div. Assn. Inc. "Ski Troops of WWII" #11179

11th FA Bn., Serv. Btry. (Korea 1952/53) #11586

11th Ord Field Maint Co 1950/53 #12594

13th Armored Division Assoc. (WWII) #13076

17th A/B Div., 681st A/B FA #20779

20th Field Artillery Battalion Assoc. #13114

21st Sig Serv Co WWII #12679

24th Inf. Div.: 26th AAA Bn., D Btry. (1952/54) #11470

25th Inf. Div., 27th Rgt., B Co. (1955/56) #13132

25th Inf. Div., MP Co. (PTO 1953/55) (Korea & Hawaii) #13057

26th Arty., 108th Arty. Grp., F Btry. (Dong Ha, Vietnam) #11224

27th FA Rgt. #13169

27th Inf. Div., 102nd Med. Bn. #21858

27th Inf. Div., 105th Bn., D Co. (Salpan, 1944) #22271

28th Inf. Div., 110th Rgt., 2nd Bn., HQ & HQ Co. (1950/52) #16290

30th H.M. Ord. Co. (Korea 1953-54) #11226

33rd Inf. Div., Chem. Section #20441

37th Hospital Train (WWII) #13012

45th Inf. Div.: 189th FA (Korea) #15493

45th Inf. Div.: 279th Rgt. (1946/Present) #16206

51st AAA Gun Bn. (Phila.Pa 1952/53) #13151

51st Signal Bn. #13191

52nd (C) Avn. Bn., 17th Gp., 1st Avn. Bde. (& attached units, Vietnam) #11292

56th General Hospital #16339

56th Signal Bn. Assn. #16733

56th Supply Company, Heavy Metal Support #13064

58th & 60th FIS #13127

59th Recon, 350th Inf Rgt #22068

60th Engr. (C) Bn. Assn. #16615

63rd Ord. Dpt. Co., (Boblingen, Germany, 1951-55) #10513

66th MP Co. (Ft Chaffee Ar 1963/65) #12706

67th/514th Sig. Bn. (1968/69) #11260

68th QM Refrig. Co. (WWII) #15418

70th Inf. Div., 270th Engr. Bn., A/B/C Co.s #10508

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81st Co. NCOC #15673

85th Evac Hosp (Qui Nhon, S Vietnam 1965-1966) #12560

86th Chem. Mortar Bn. Assn. #16089

90th Inf Div. Assn. #22982

92nd Ord. MM Co. #22610

93rd Chem. Mort. Bn. (WWII) #22590

97th Div., 303rd Inf. Rgt., Co. "A" #10438

97th Sig. Bn. Assn. #16205

98th Engr. Rgt. (Officers) #13048

98th Inf. Div. (WWII) #12949

100th Inf. Div., 399th Regt., Anti-Tank Co. #12217

103rd Coscom, 56th MMC "All Years" #12871

103rd Div. (WWII) #13069

105th Port Marine Maintenance #11862

110th AAA Gun Bn. Battery "C" #13145

111th Inf. Rgt. (Peleliu 1945) #11334

112th FA Assn. #15312

114th AAA & 67th AAA, Btry C #11646

126th Inf. Rgt. Assn. (32nd Inf. Div.) #16578

142nd AACs Sq., 45th Det. (Biak, New Guinea) #11383

158th Engr. (C) Bn. #14113

159th FA Bn, Btry C Korea #12592

160th Engr. (C) Bn. #13144

163rd General Hospital (WWII) #14209

170th General Hospital (WWII) #11381

183rd FA Bn. #13091

185th Signal Bn., B Co. #16348

186th General Hospital (Fairford, England 1944/45) #12488

204th Ord. Med. Maint. #22372

207th MP Co. (1941-45) #11531

212th MP Co. "Sentry Dogs" (Vietnam) #12810

236th Signal Ser.Co.-Radio Pltn.,(WWII) #11277

246th FA MSL Bn.(CPL), Ft Bliss(1953-55) #20483

261st Station Hospital, Ft. Douglas #11415

268th Coastal Arty #11268

276th Armored FA Bn #12031

280th Engr. (C) Bn. #22866

284th Engr. (C) Bn., HQ Co. & Serv. Co. #13172

287th Sig. Co. (1942-1993) #21301

290th FA Obsn. Bn. #13099

290th FA Obsv. Bn. (ETO WWII) #12091

304th Signal Ops. Bn (Korea) #22195

304th Sig. Ops. Bn. (Texas P.I. WWII) #12485

322nd Sig. Bn.: All Co. & Incl. 32nd Sig. Bn. (1950-Present) #16611

334th Ord. Dpt. Co. #16729

336th Engr. (C) Bn., Amphib. (ETO 1942/45) #15721

353rd Comm. Recon. #13153

420th Med. Collecting Co. (WWII) #13776

445th AAA AW Bn Vets Assn. (WWII) #15279

463rd Ord. Evac. Co. #21307

465th Ord. Evac. Co. #10957

466 Amphibian Truck Co. #13086

466th Air Service Group (ETO, WWII) #13148

487th Engr. W.S. Bn., Co. A,B,C, HQ (WWII) #22936

488th Engr, LP Co WWII #13860

492nd Port Battalion, Co's 230-233 (WWII) #13128

496TH AAA GUN. BN. (WWII) #20726

501st MP Bn (Puerto Rico, WWII) #21314

503rd MP Bn., B Co. (50th Aniv. WWII) #20856

505th Med Collecting Co #28402

507th Sig. Svc. Co.(Korea) #11363

519th MP Bn., Co.A (Korea) #11337

529th Engrs. Light Ponton (1943/46) #13058

529th FA Observ. Bn. #15386

531st MP Bn. (WWII) #20765

533rd E.B. & S.R. Rgt #12586

544th EB & SR, Co. B #16462

560th Med. Co.(Amb.) (Sep.)/30th Med. Grp., Korea (1954-56) #11274

560th Trans. Co.(Cam Rahn Bay, Vietnam, 1968) #10264

561st FA Bn. #16587

580th Ambulance Company #22947

582d/641st Ordnance Ammo. Co's (WWII) #11256

583rd QM Sales Co. #18703

597th Engrs. #11308

601st AAA Gun Bn., Battery B (WWII) #13224

603rd Medium Tank Co. #21987

608th O.B.A.M. Bn. (WWII) #20715

636th Tank Destroyer Bn. #16114

645th TD Bn. #15558

707th AAA Gun Bn. (1951/53) #16318

716th MP (Vietnam) #14163

719th Railway Oper. Bn #12289

761st MP Bn. (Ft. Richardson 1944/45) #21147

771st Tank Bn. (Germany 1945/46) #15028

773rd TD Assn. #15680

780th Tank Bn., Co. A (WWII) #11273

799th MP Co. (WWII) #13170

801st MAES (Japan and Korea, 1951-53) #13167

803rd Engineer Battalion (1957-58) #13158

803rd Engr. Avn. Bn. #16630

843rd Sig. Serv. Bn., Sig. Corp. #13218

861st Eng Avn Bn WWII #12591

894th TD Bn #20992

896th AW Bn. #28404

905th Engrs, A, F & HQ Cos. #11416

923rd FA Bn., 98th Inf. Div. - All 98th units (WWII) #15901

931st Engr. Grp. #14100

951st FA Bn. #13090

967 Ord Ham Co. #13089

981st MP Co. "Sentry Dogs" (Vietnam) #12811

988th Sig. Corps, Oper. Bn. (CBI) #11409

1269th Engr. (C) Bn. (ETO WWII) #13056

1271st AACs & 2nd AACs (ETO-WWII/1960's) #11395

1282nd Engr. (C) Bn. (WWII) #14600

1302nd Gen. Serv. Engr. Rgt., B Co. #21220

1323rd Serv. Unit (WWII) #11330

2248th QM Trk. Co. (ETO, WWII) #13147

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3427th Ord. Co. Q #11251

3622nd QM Trk. Co. (WWII) #13059

6811th Signal Sec. Det. #13072

6816th O/H Staging Det.: Camp Pall Mall, Etretat FR. (1945) #11977

7964th Hqs. Grp. (1951/53) #11353

8075th Sig Air-Ground Liaison Co. (Korea, 1951/53) #12609

A/B Rangers Bn. Assn. (WWII) #13074

Americal Div., 1st/46th Inf., 196th/198th LIB., A Co. (Vietnam) #16343

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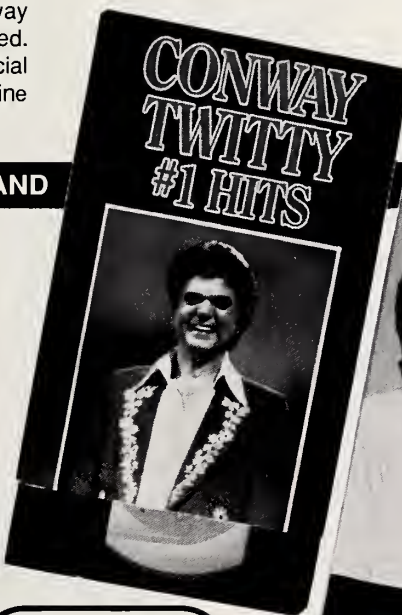
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## VETVOICE

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When you publish anything about the Korean War, don't water it down. Tell it like it was.

*Roger L. Horn  
Kalamazoo, Mich.*

The article about the Korean War stated that the United States lost nearly as many men in Korea in three years as in Vietnam in 14 years, implying a combat intensity four to five times higher in Korea. This statement is highly misleading.

During the three years of the Korean War, the United States lost 33,629 combat dead. During the three middle years of Vietnam, the United States lost 33,512 combat dead. Thus, we lost as many troops in combat in Korea in three years as we lost in Vietnam in three years, not 14.

*Tom Magedanz  
Pierre, S.D.*

The article about the Korean War reminded me of the failed, casual diplomacy that ended World War II

and set the stage for the bloody confrontation with the Chinese. We must be more careful where we draw lines on maps and where we commit our national honor.

*Orbin Erickson  
Hoople, N.D.*

## Lincoln And The Bible

Since 1949, my special field of study has been Abraham Lincoln. In the article, "Don't Force Us to Pray," (July) Barry Lynn seems to be saying that Presidents prior to Franklin Roosevelt did not use the Bible in the inaugural ceremonies. On March 4, 1865, Daniel W. Middleton, the clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court opened a Bible without premeditation, and Lincoln rested his hand on the opened Bible. Not only did Lincoln place his hand on the Bible, but he also kissed the Bible. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Salmon Portland Chase then administered the oath of office.

I would be willing to bet nearly all Presidents have used the Bible to take their presidential oath, but I have not researched their administrations like I have Lincoln's.

*Wayne C. Temple  
Springfield, Ill.*

## Losing Momentum

As a federal government employee, I found the interview with Ted Gaebler delightful ("Bureaucracy's Gotta Go!" August). He is correct for the most part. In business and government, we have been running for a long time not on expertise, but on inertia.

*J.L. Humbert  
Volcano, Calif.*

## Kicking Back

I agree with the article, "Retirees: Pinched, Punched," by William Matthews (August). In the isolated upper peninsula of Michigan, K.I. Sawyer AFB is scheduled to be closed. This leaves retirees here with absolutely no place to turn.

*Noel E. Wall  
Iron Mountain, Mich.*

## Found A Favorite

The article about Thomas Jefferson ("Founding Father, Favorite Son," by Lowell Ponte, July) is just another feather in your hat. Thanks.

*Monty Snyder  
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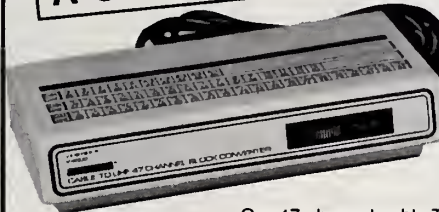
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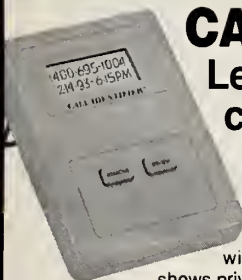
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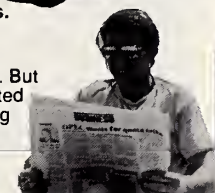
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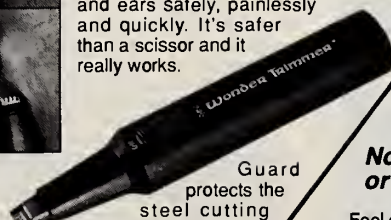
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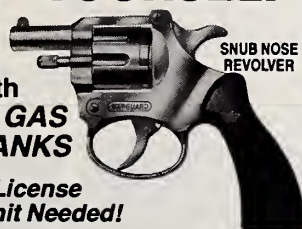
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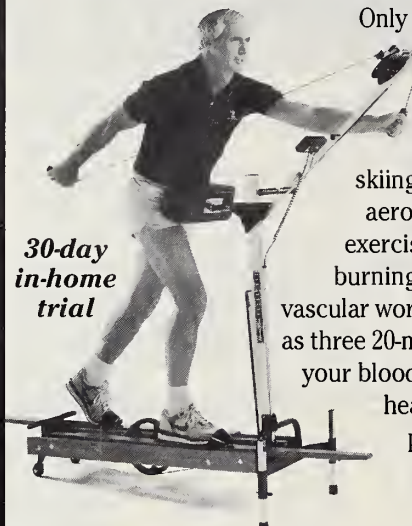
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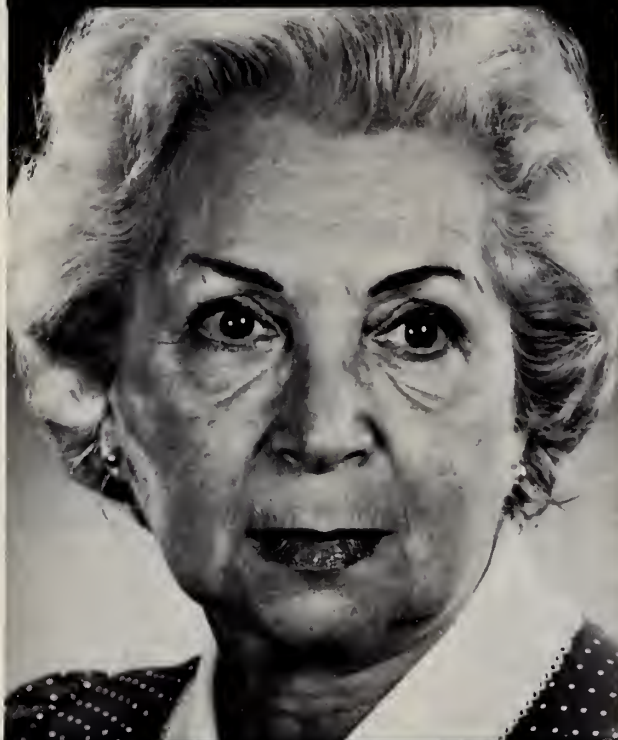
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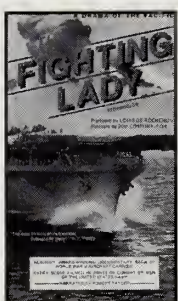
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These great national problems are not for your professional participation or military solution. Your guidepost stands out like a tenfold beacon in the night: Duty, honor, country.

You are the leaven which binds together the entire fabric of our national system of defense. From your ranks come the great captains who hold the nation's destiny in their hands the moment the war tocsin sounds.

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"Memorials represent the very heart and soul of The American Legion," says National Commander Bruce Thiesen. "In small towns and large, in city parks and cemeteries and at court houses, veterans memorials serve as permanent reminders that The American Legion will always be there for veterans."

The memorial that Post 217 built in College Park, Md., has just four words on it, but those words sum up why we must never let the nation forget our fallen comrades: "Honor, Courage, Service, Sacrifice."

By Ken Scharnberg

# VETERANS MEMORIALS IN PROGRESS

A number of national veterans memorials still need donations:

## Vietnam Women's Memorial Project

2001 S St. NW, Suite 302  
Washington, D.C. 20009  
(202) 328-7253

Status: Urgently needs donations to meet its scheduled dedication, Nov. 10, 1993, in Washington, D.C.

## National Prisoner of War Memorial

William Fornes, coordinator  
606 West Park Ave.  
Valdosta, GA 31602  
(912) 247-4274

Status: Needs \$2.5 million. A memorial and museum dedicated to all American POWs will be constructed at Andersonville National Historic Site in southwest Georgia.

## U.S. Navy Memorial

P.O. Box 96570  
Washington, D.C. 20090-6570  
(202) 737-2300

Status: Needs funds to complete the cost of construction and maintain the memorial log.

## Korean War Veterans Memorial

18th and C Streets, NW  
Room 7023  
Washington, D.C. 20240  
(202) 208-3561

Status: Needs funds for perpetual care. The memorial will be dedicated July 27, 1995, in Washington, D.C.

## Women in Military Service for America

Memorial Foundation, Inc.  
5510 Columbia Pike, Suite 302  
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(800) 222-2294

Status: The design is approved. A computerized listing of women who served will be a part of the memorial, which is to be erected at the Hemicycle entrance to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

## World War II Memorial

Status: Approved by Congress. Awaiting selection of a site before the design and fundraising can begin.

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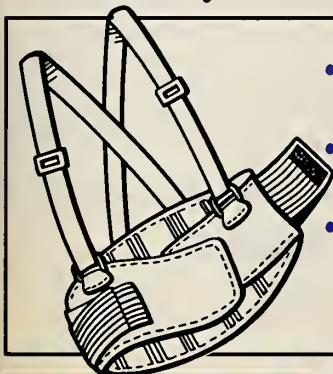
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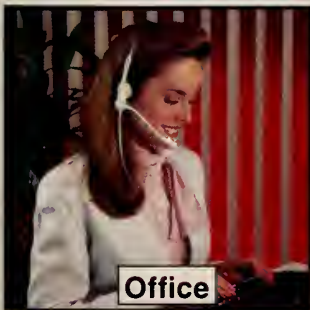
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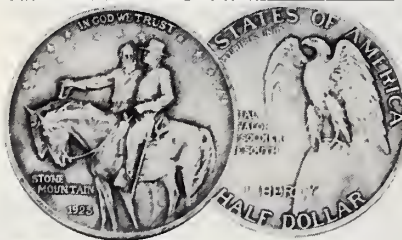
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## FLOOD

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center for state and federal relief agencies monitoring the rising waters. County health officials also set up a temporary clinic at the Post to provide tetanus shots for people.

"When things were bad, we had 30 families staying right here at the Post," says Post Commander Jim Klein, who kept the Post open around the clock.

"When sandbaggers were still in town, we were feeding 1,000 people a day in here," says Post member Tom Hanks.

A Coast Guard officer credits the Legionnaires and Auxiliary members of Post 150 with keeping his people's stomachs full and their spirits high. "They've been unbelievably helpful," says Coast Guard Lt. (j.g.) Tim Scheel, whose eight-member team monitored flood waters.

Legionnaires a thousand or more miles away also were extremely helpful. One of them, Richard Hammond of Post 51, Oakland, Maine, shipped truckloads of supplies to Post 312 in St. Charles, Mo. The supplies were donated by Oakland businesses and Legion Posts throughout Maine.

"There are many, many Legion-

naires who care about our neighbors," says Hammond, who also hauled relief supplies to victims of Hurricane Andrew in 1991. "This flood is even worse than Andrew."

Post 32, working with other Posts in the Exeter, N.H., area, also sent two 26-foot trucks of relief supplies to St. Charles. "Post members were watching the TV news coverage of the flood and decided to do something to help," says Post 32 Commander Harry Fountas.

Spontaneous relief efforts by Posts spurred The American Legion National Headquarters to create the Post Partnership program, in which Posts throughout the country can "adopt" Posts affected by disasters. Posts participating in the program help by giving goods and money to Posts in need. (See box on Page 31 to learn how you can form a Post Partnership.)

Post 750 of Lowell, Ohio, for example, has formed a partnership with Post 648 of Grafton, Ill. Post members held a steak fry, with the proceeds going to Post 648.

"People are going to need brooms, mops, buckets and bleach for disinfectant," says Post 312 Commander Paul of St. Charles. "You can't get a pair of rubber gloves in this town right now."

American Legion Departments in affected areas have been speedy in providing money from their emergency relief funds, and at Department conventions, they passed the hat to

## EVERYONE CAN HELP

**T**HE EXTENT of damage resulting from the Flood of '93 has created an unprecedented demand for assistance," says Herman G. Harrington, Internal Affairs Commission Chairman. "The American Legion is doing all it can to deliver resources to those needing help."

You can help, too. Your donations to the American Legion National Emergency Fund (NEF) will directly help Legionnaires and their Posts when a disaster strikes. Money from the NEF also goes to help veterans with minor children through the Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program.

The veteran does not have to be a Legionnaire to receive a TFA grant. However, the veteran must have minor children and have served honorably in the U.S. military dur-

ing wartime. NEF and TFA applications are available through Posts and Departments.

Between 1970 and 1992, TFA has provided \$1,666,476 in grants to needy children of veterans and has helped 6,563 families and 16,475 children. The National Emergency Fund was re-established after Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and, through contributions of Legionnaires, continues to help those in need.

"As with every disaster, the National Emergency Fund soon becomes depleted and donations are needed," says National Commander Bruce Thiesen. "We need the help of all Legionnaires out there."

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raise money for relief efforts. The Department of Illinois provided grants to help restore Posts affected by the flooding. For example, Post 901 of Valmeyer, Ill., received a \$500 grant to pay for cleanup of mud and debris.

"Our treasurer is going to go nuts!" Post 901 member Coy Williamson said after Illinois Department Commander Art Rawers presented the Post with the check.

Back at The American Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis, the National Emergency Fund (NEF) continues to come to the aid of Legion family victims. At press time, it made 182 grants worth \$93,000 to about 180 Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and Sons of The American Legion. Families of veterans who are not Legionnaires also have been receiving help through the Legion's Temporary Financial Assistance program. (See box, Page 74, for how you can help.)

Many Legionnaires in the flood areas say what is needed most now is donations of money to pay bills and other everyday needs. Thanks to the truckloads of clothing, food and supplies by Legion Posts and others, the materials to rebuild their towns and put their lives back in order are there. Now it's just a matter of getting the money.

"The biggest problem is when all this water goes away — what's underneath is going to be a muddy mess," says Jack Trapp, Past Commander of the Department of Missouri.

Hordes of camera crews probably won't be around for the Great Cleanup of '93, but The American Legion will be there until the job is done. □

## LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Life Membership notices are published for Legionnaires who have been awarded Life Memberships by their posts.

Life membership notices must be submitted on official forms which may be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Life Memberships, The American Legion Magazine, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis IN 46206.

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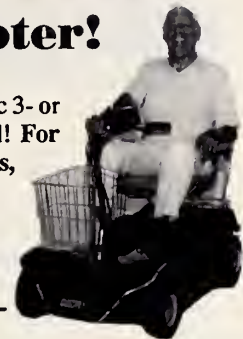
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# STOCK EXCHANGE

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ings on the NYSE accounted for \$8 out every \$10 worth of new stock issued by companies in the United States last year.

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**Q.** Some people think you have to be either a rich person or a major corporation to profit on the NYSE. Are they right?

**A.** Lets talk about individuals vs. corporations. We have two types of investors on the exchange: individual investors and institutional investors. Legionnaires who invest are individual investors while a mutual fund or insurance company would be considered an institutional investor.

Many who do business here at the exchange feel that individuals have a good chance to make money, particu-

larly over the long term. Even though institutional investors own a growing amount of stock, individual investors—like you and me—still own half of the stock in the United States. That degree of individual stock ownership is unique to this country. There's no other country in the world that has that much public participation as individuals in a market.

Our own research shows that individual share ownership is strong across all income levels — not just the wealthy.

**Q.** What type of trends are emerging relating to individual investors vs. institutional investors?

**A.** The current trend is toward more institutional ownership. In 1950, 92 percent of the stock in the United States was owned by individuals, and only 8 percent by institutions. Today, it's about 50 percent individuals and 50 percent institutions.

**Q.** What has caused this change?

**A.** First, it's important to note that share ownership by individuals is at a record level, and continuing to grow. Institutional share ownership has simply grown faster, for many rea-

sons.

To cite just a couple: Individuals increasingly are investing in mutual funds as a supplement or alternative to direct ownership. Also, mutual funds and pension funds have invested heavily in stocks over the years, and thus have seen a great deal of asset appreciation.

**Q.** But how can an individual expect to be treated fairly when competing with millionaires and multimillion-dollar corporations at the NYSE?

**A.** Legionnaires shouldn't be put off by big institutional investors. The New York Stock Exchange is organized in a way to protect you — to treat all investors equally.

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**Q.** Financial markets are much more global today. How does the NYSE compare with other world markets?

**A.** We're still the largest and most important market in the world for equity securities. One of the signs that our position is strengthening is the influx of foreign companies who want their stocks to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange. This year the number of foreign companies on the exchange has grown to a record 133. For example, we now have 14 Latin American companies listed on the NYSE, and four from China.

**Q.** Stocks listed on the NYSE can be purchased on the Over-the-Counter (OTC) market. What's the difference?

**A.** About a half billion dollars. Individual investors whose orders to buy or sell NYSE-listed stocks are executed on the OTC market rather than the NYSE are losing about \$500 million a year in opportunities to get better prices.

That's because in the OTC market, investors buy from dealers and sell to dealers, with the dealers earning a spread between the quoted bid and the asked prices. On the NYSE, investors' orders generally meet and compete directly with each other to find a price, eliminating that dealer spread. Those eighth and quarters of a point in price improvement add up.

Some brokerages receive payments to send orders to one market or another, without regard to where investors can get the best possible price. It is a relatively new phenomenon called payment for order flow, which in the last five years has become a serious problem. I testified before Congress that this practice should be abolished because it is unfair to the individual investor.

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# POX ON AMERICA

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TOADS is still continuing, but Greenberg expects it will show higher rates of crime, homicides and suicides in these areas. TOADS become havens for the homeless, arsonists and drug dealers, city officials told Greenberg's group. In Hammond, Ind., drug dealers even set up a manufacturing operation in an abandoned plant.

"TOADS drive away the stable part of a city's population," Greenberg says. "The only people living there are those who have no choice."

Although most abandoned sites are polluted, they don't pose immediate health threats. Still, they can be toxic time bombs.

In 1989, scavengers broke the lock on a storage tank at an abandoned asphalt factory in Zionsville, Ind., spilling 80,000 gallons of oil contaminated with hazardous waste. And in Dayton, Ohio, 1,600 gallons of PCB-laced oil leaked into waterways after vandals tore open electrical transformers at an old tire plant.

Critics contend that the federal government is part of the problem of abandoned factories. Superfund laws passed in 1980 give the Environmental Protection Agency authority to sue the current owner of property to pay for the cleanup of hazardous wastes, even if the pollution is the responsibility of previous owners. These laws make developers skittish about buying old industrial sites where there is a whiff of contamination.

"Environmental regulation agencies view us as if we were the bad guys when in fact these projects are being undertaken for public use and good," says Brooks Robinson, president of Regional Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC), a not-for-profit group redeveloping the mills in Duquesne and McKeesport.

Robinson and RIDC don't make a move without legal counsel. "You can't go in with a big heart and your eyes closed or you'll end up in over your kneecaps," says Robinson.

Banks also are wary about financing deals involving industrial sites. An appeals court ruled in 1990 that under Superfund laws, a bank participating in the "day-to-day management" of a property could be forced to pay for its cleanup.

In testimony before Congress, the American Bankers Association said the court's decision "is sending shock waves through the lending community."

Executives at the Chicago Association of Neighborhood Development Organizations (CANDO), an economic development group redeveloping old industrial sites, report paranoia among lenders, especially when a property's documented history of use is spotty.

"They say, 'We're not going to step into that hole and break a leg. We just can't help you,'" says Paul Ginger, CANDO's finance director.

**E**NVIRONMENTALISTS who support the Superfund laws argue that in order to fund cleanups, the EPA must have the right to sue the past owner, the current owner or the mortgage holder. Developers should insist on provisions in a purchasing agreement to make the seller liable for cleanups, says Jay Patterson of the Environmental Law Institute.

The legal hassles and costs of testing and cleaning up have led many small businesses to abandon industrial sites without putting them on the market for sale. Explains Charles Bartsch of the Northeast-Midwest Institute:

"Say you have a mom-and-pop shop that's been in the family for 50 years. You know that in the 1940s, stuff was dumped off that could trigger some real environmental problems. When you shut it down, you're likely just to say, 'Well, at least the place is paid off,' and walk away."

Cities tackle the problems of abandoned factories largely on their own.

Dayton razed the tire plant that leaked PCBs into its waterway at a cost of \$1.9 million, 10 times its annual demolition budget. In Minneapolis, city officials each year budget \$5 million for the purchase of abandoned sites and another \$6 million for low-interest loans to entice developers to work these properties.

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New Jersey in 1983 passed legislation declaring that industrially polluted land be cleaned up before it's sold. The law's proponents credit it with salvaging many abandoned properties, saying it assures developers and lenders that they're buying sites that are clean. A \$15 million industrial center in Elizabeth, for example, sits on an old manufacturing site that Singer Sewing Company spent \$2 million cleaning up.

A few states such as Michigan and Pennsylvania have earmarked funds for cleanup and redevelopment of old sites. At the federal level, several members of Congress have voiced concern over federal funds being used to help build highways and infrastructure to accommodate companies who bypass old urban sites for locations in the suburbs.

Sen. Jim Jeffords of Vermont and Sen. Pat Moynihan of New York inserted funds for a study and inventory of abandoned factories into the 1991 transportation bill. And Michigan Sen. Don Riegle last year introduced legislation in the Senate for a modest grant program to fund the

cleanup and the reuse of abandoned sites.

In the 1960s and 1970s, when the Duquesne Works' six smokestacks filled the air with smoke, residents say they swept orange dust from their porches every hour. Little did they know that it would take more than a broom to clean up the pollution on the site itself.

For almost two years, RIDC has worked at both the Duquesne and McKeesport sites ripping out asbestos from buildings, testing for groundwater contamination, storing toxics and removing PCB-laden transformers.

Both cities know the abandoned sites will never again house job-providing giants such as U.S. Steel. McKeesport "chased some rainbows," says community development director Dennis Pittman, but "we've realized that we have to diversify."

The model for diversification is Keystone Commons, an industrial park that RIDC is carving out of an old Westinghouse electrical manufacturing plant in East Pittsburgh. When RIDC acquired the Westinghouse property in 1989, it realized that with the sleek production lines of today, no single manufacturer would need the

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With redevelopment about one-third complete, Keystone Commons now houses 43 businesses that employ 580 people. The park's payroll will never come close to the 20,000 working at the Westinghouse plant during World War II, but RIDC hopes the park will jump-start the community's economy.

"It definitely gives it a spark," says Walter Minnick, who moved his electrical business from McKeesport to Keystone Commons to do most of the electrical work on the redevelopment.

Duquesne and McKeesport officials hope replacing the empty mills with industrial parks will revive their economies, but they know that first their mills' pollution has to be swept away.

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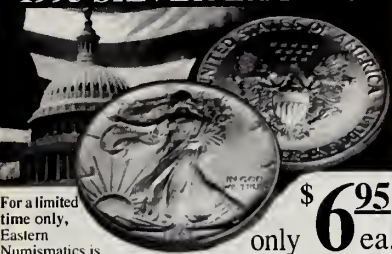
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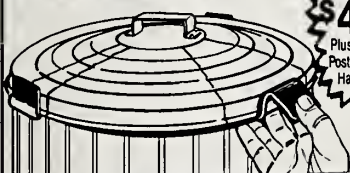
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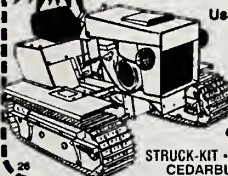
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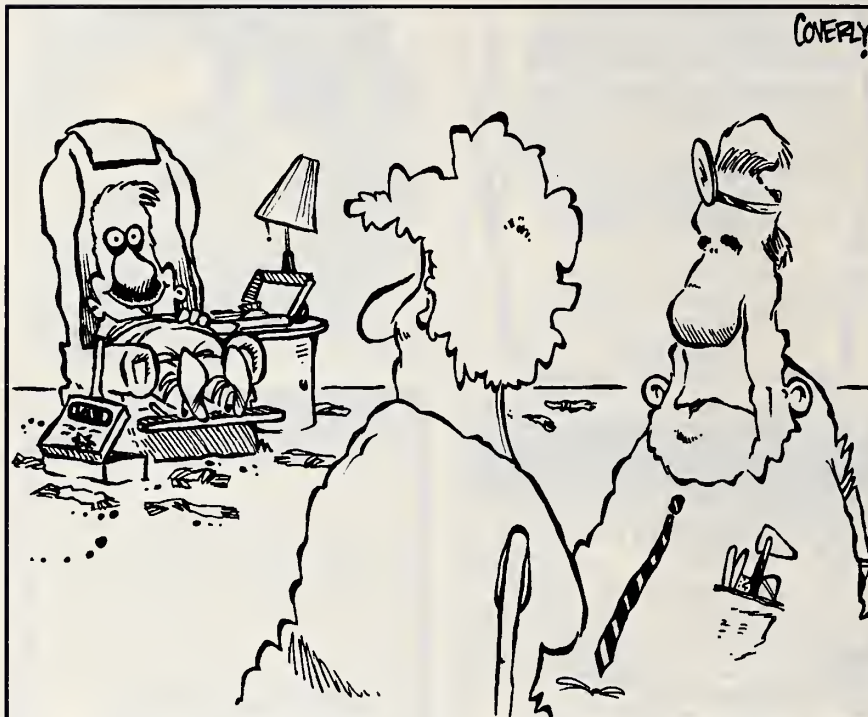
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## Wacky Iraqis

Saddam Hussein's son recently got married — to a cousin. And Saddam himself is married to a cousin. I think we may be closing in on an answer to what made those guys think they had a chance against the United States.

## Bogus Bogey

Humphrey Bogart was once taken to watch a young comedian who had a reputation for doing a very good Bogart imitation. Bogart sat in the audience and was asked afterwards what he thought of the imitation. His reply: "One of us stinks."

## Missing Link

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"We're on a highway beautification project," the driver said. "And the guy who plants the trees is home sick today."

## In The Rough

Moe: "Daylight savings time has really helped my golf game."

Joe: "How's that?"

Moe: "It gives me an extra hour to look for my ball."

## Nameless

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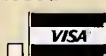
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